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EDITORIAL AS I SEE IT

by NAT LOUBET Editor AND Publisher of

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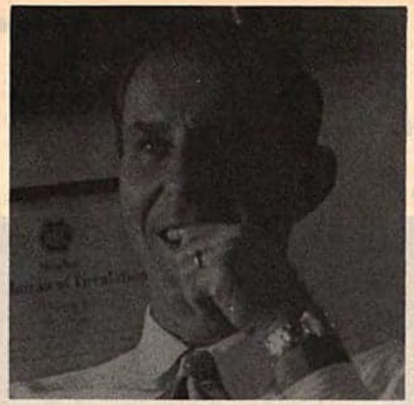


A MYRIAD of mail pushes its way across the editorial desk, some with question, some with praise, some critical of RING policy or with comments on the condition of boxing as a whole.

There is a general feeling by many that boxing has seen healthier days, that is its going great guns in some places and seems stymied in others. In culling through the hopes and frustrations of our readers it is clear that the main problem faced by the fans and those in charge of boxing is the championship situation. There is little doubt that there should be but one champion in each weight class, and not a champion authorized by the World Boxing Association and another by the World Boxing Council.

One reader made sense when he vented his anger at not being able to see the various leaders in their respective divisions fight each other. "The promoters are losing a good bet," he wrote, "I, and many like me would like to see Victor Galindez, the WBA light heavyweight champion, fight John Conteh, the WBC title holder of that division. I would travel to see such a match with the knowledge that at the end of the evening boxing would have one universally recognized light heavyweight champion. The same situation exists in almost every division, and if boxing is to prosper something should be accomplished to eradicate this ulcer and give boxing fans a fair shake. What's the answer?"

What is wrong basically is that both the World Boxing Council and the World Boxing Association cannot see beyond their collective noses that their political aspirations and private gain, no matter what that might be, are holding back boxing, the only true international sport, from achieving a much more prominent position in the world.

The fans are not fooled for long by the various explanations as to why there must be two champions and why the champs of the WBA and WBC cannot meet. The situation is so bad that if a contender fights a champ, the opposite camp will not only not recognize the fight, but will also do everything within its power to put obstacles in the path of the promotion. Sometimes the net results of the contest almost reach the proportions of being punitive.

For several years THE RING has been requesting a Federal Boxing Commission to be appointed by the U.S. government, but to date we have had no result. This doesn't mean that something cannot be achieved.

Since it is obvious that neither the WBA nor the WBC are open to negotiation to settle their differences for the good of boxing, and since a Federal Boxing Commission which could do the job is not forthcoming, then are we to throw up our hands in dismay?

Would not half a loaf of bread be better than no loaf at all? Since neither organization is likely to give up its basic authority would it then not be smart to use a plan that was put into effect back a decade or so ago?

At that time several titles were being bantied around with the WBA, then the National Boxing Association, having its champions, New York State, then a power in boxing, having its champions, with foreign contingents backing first one side and then the other much like the present situation.

A happy solution was found in which a Championship Committee was formed composed of the British Board of Boxing Control, the NBA, the New York Boxing Commission and the late Nat Fleischer, then editor of THE RING. Each month the board issued a list of the top three contenders in each class, and only these men were considered as possible contenders for any title.

It is true that the committee did not solve the problem of the dual titles, but it did go far to eradicate the situation, since as titles were lost they were lost to men who were recognized by all sides. Therefore it was hard for any one body to refuse backing the new champion.

The results were good, and boxing was well on its way to benefit, when suddenly the various members ran acropper with the members wanting more than one vote for each contingent. This being out of the question the committee, after a hopeful start, died of shortness of forethought.

Some time back I was approached by the WBA to act as a mediator in their squabble with the WBC, and more recently James Farley, Jr., chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, attempted to mediate the difference between these two organizations to no avail.

As usual, it is the man on the street, the boxing fan, who pays the freight and is the victim of the petty wars between boxing's ruling clans.

Since most of the organizations in boxing that claim sovereignty over the pugilistic fraternity originally gained their strength through U.S. based operations, it is obvious that some type of legislation on a federal level should be inacted that would straighten out boxing in America. If this could be accomplished, accord could be reached around the world between the various boxing authorities, and boxing could go on to take its rightful place as the leading international sport.

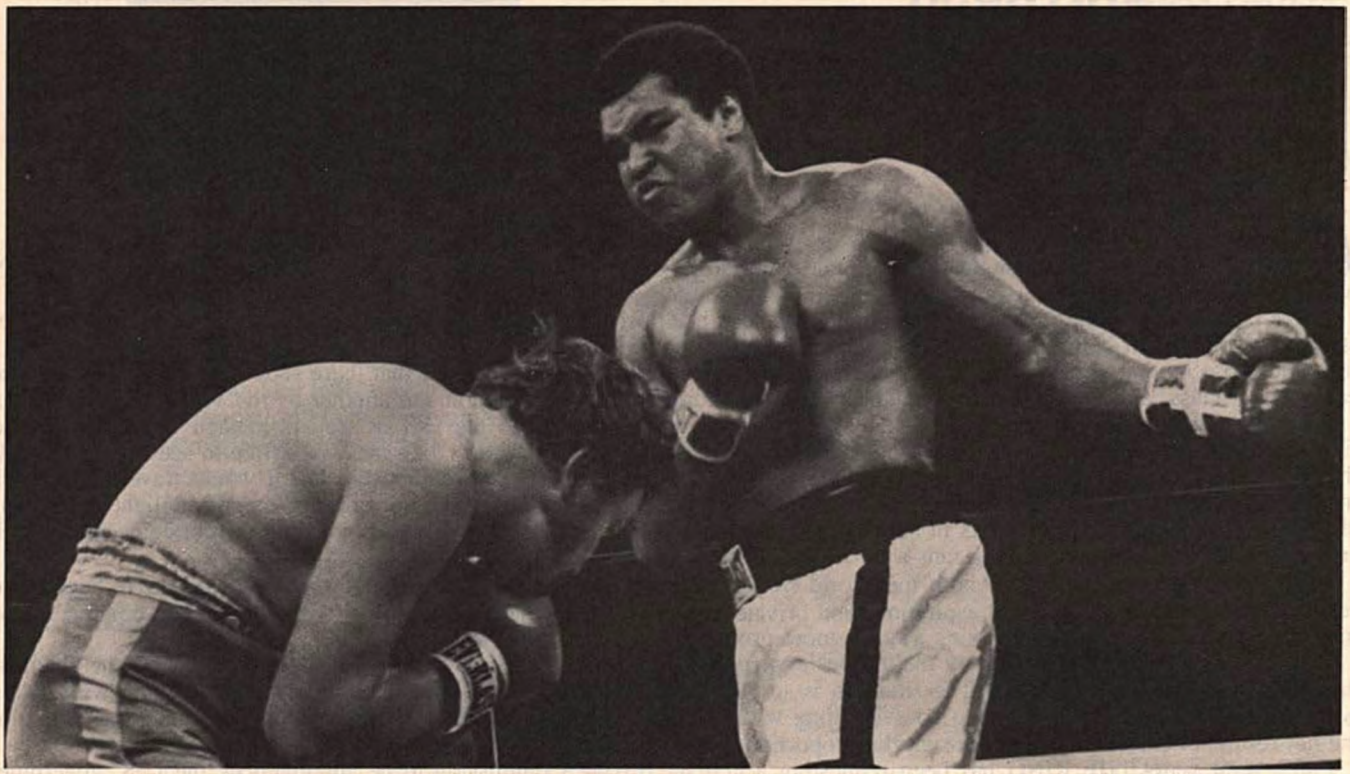
While waiting for the legislature in Washington to move their rumps, why can't the WBA and WBC see the necessity of at least getting together on a championship committee so as to give boxing contenders and champions more credence in the public eye?

Like the public, I, too, share in the utter frustration of not seeing the proper men fight for titles and in having more than one champion in a division. If there is any single curse stamped on boxing prosperity and acceptance by sportman, it is the disregard of the WBA and WBC, who set themselves above the wishes of the fans, and tell all of us to go to hell so that they can continue their petty wars.

ALI AND THE PUSSY CAT

THE BEGINNING. . . . . .

BY MARIO RIVERA MARTINO



Muhammad Ali opens up for a few seconds in the opening session as Jean Pierre Coopman, left, covers up. Ali quickly halts his attack so as not to get the fight over with too quickly.

MUHAMMAD Ali spent five rounds attempting to train a pussy cat to be a Lion and despite his best efforts and all the kindness that the heavyweight champion of the world possessed he was unable to make Jean Pierre Coopman, touted as "The Lion Of Flanders" look like more than he was—a pussy cat.

Unlike the last time the fans saw Ali in competition, when he thrilled the world in his "Thriller in Manila" defense against Joe Frazier, this Puerto Rico meeting with Coopman in the Roberto Clemente Coliseum before some 10,000 fans was just that, a meeting and not a fight.

The ending came at 2:46 of the fifth round when Ali, half clowning and relaxed, went into a flurry of easy and loose punching that culminated in a right uppercut, a very lightly tossed left hook, and a half push.

Coopman stepped back, blinked, and lurched against the ring ropes and then slid to the canvas where he was counted out by referee Ismael Quinones Falu, who appeared as surprised as Ali when Coopman went down.

Asked after the bout what punch he felt had done the damage, a usually loquacious Ali was at a loss for words. "I really don't know," was all he could muster.

The fight, if such it can be called, was totally spelled out for the forty million CBS televiewers and the live audience within a few minutes of the opening bell.

At 206 pounds the Belgian champion came stalking out of his corner to meet Ali, who was looking over the audience and smiling to friends and acquaintances. Turning slowly toward his challenger, Ali stopped to cough, half yawn, and walked flat footed toward Coopman.

The man from Belgium was not fancy as he moved forward attempting to land a telling punch. He did not and never did land a telling blow. He was lacking in size, weight, strength and ability. But even as Ali stated, "He is one of the nicest men I've met in the ring, he has a nice trainer, and a lovely and friendly wife." What Ali failed to state was that it would be better if he could also fight.

Coopman was one of the worst contenders to crawl between the ropes to take a crack at a heavyweight crown.

Other champs have had their bad ones but maybe it's due to this being the most recent that it seems the worst.

The entire fight was a travesty for anyone paying to see it. In the second round Ali, who in the early part of round one had already solved Coopman's lack of style, and knowing he had nothing to fear, would dance to his left, move to his right, stick with his left, cuff with the back of his left hand, while throwing glances at the audience and the clock. He threw just enough blows to keep Coopman discouraged.

It was in this round that one of the Ali cuffs opened a cut over Coopman's left eye and the optic dripped up to the final ending. It was not a serious cut, but then nothing about the fight was serious. Ali, at 226 pounds, still suffering from a cough, did his best to move his opponent and himself through as many commercials as he could before the termination of the bout which came as a surprise to Ali, who had not even worked up a sweat. This is probably the first time in his career that Ali did not take a shower after a fight. His reason for not doing so was a simple, "I didn't feel like it." It was obvious he was embarrassed by the lack of effort that the fight had involved on his part.

Coopman's entire arsenal was composed of light jabs and hooks, and as for a punch, the guy just didn't have one. The 24 year old Coopman, with a 24-3 win and lose record, 15 knockouts, over

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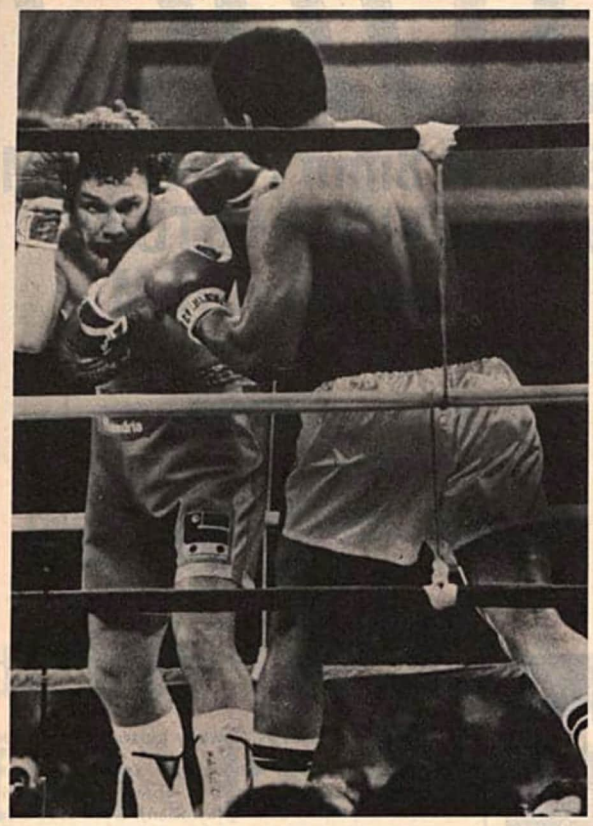

The early rounds. Coopman, left, courageous and throwing left jabs and hooks and then covering up, as seen here when Ali cuffs him a couple just to remind the Belgian who is boss.

"nothing opponents" didn't have enough power to paste shut an envelope.

Ali, at 34 years of age, now has a 50-2 win and lose record, with 36 kayoes to his credit.

In attempting to add some color to the fight Ali clowned between the few blows he had to throw, and at one point in the rest period after round two, ogled the girl wiggling her way around the ring with the round card. For practical purposes this should have been a delight for Ali who received slightly over one million for his night's endeavors. Coopman received one hundred thousand for his, proving that he is one of the nicest men in boxing.

The promoter had a famous first in that he made money, one of the few putting on a defense of Ali for Don King to come out without losing in the endeavor. In past Don King promotions the fighters have done fine, but not the people who have put up the money.

On the undercard, Jimmy Young of Philadelphia won a ten round decision over Joe King Roman in an unimpressive bout for a man rated third among the heavyweight elite of the world. Roman did little but butt in his quest for victory and he lost a unanimous decision while getting a cut around his left eye. This was the same Roman who had been knocked out by George Foreman in one heat in Tokyo.

That Young was another powder puff puncher was made clear to the watching public. That he did not show enough to warrant a crack at Ali was all too clear.

In fact, asked about Young's showing after the fight, Ali himself stated that Young had no punch but would help him make money when they met in Costa Rica. He was alluding to the next Don King promotion in that country which is scheduled to be Ali's next one million take-home prize with Young to get one hundred thousand and the video and paying fans lumped.

The fans at Puerto Rico paid as much as $200 for a ringside seat

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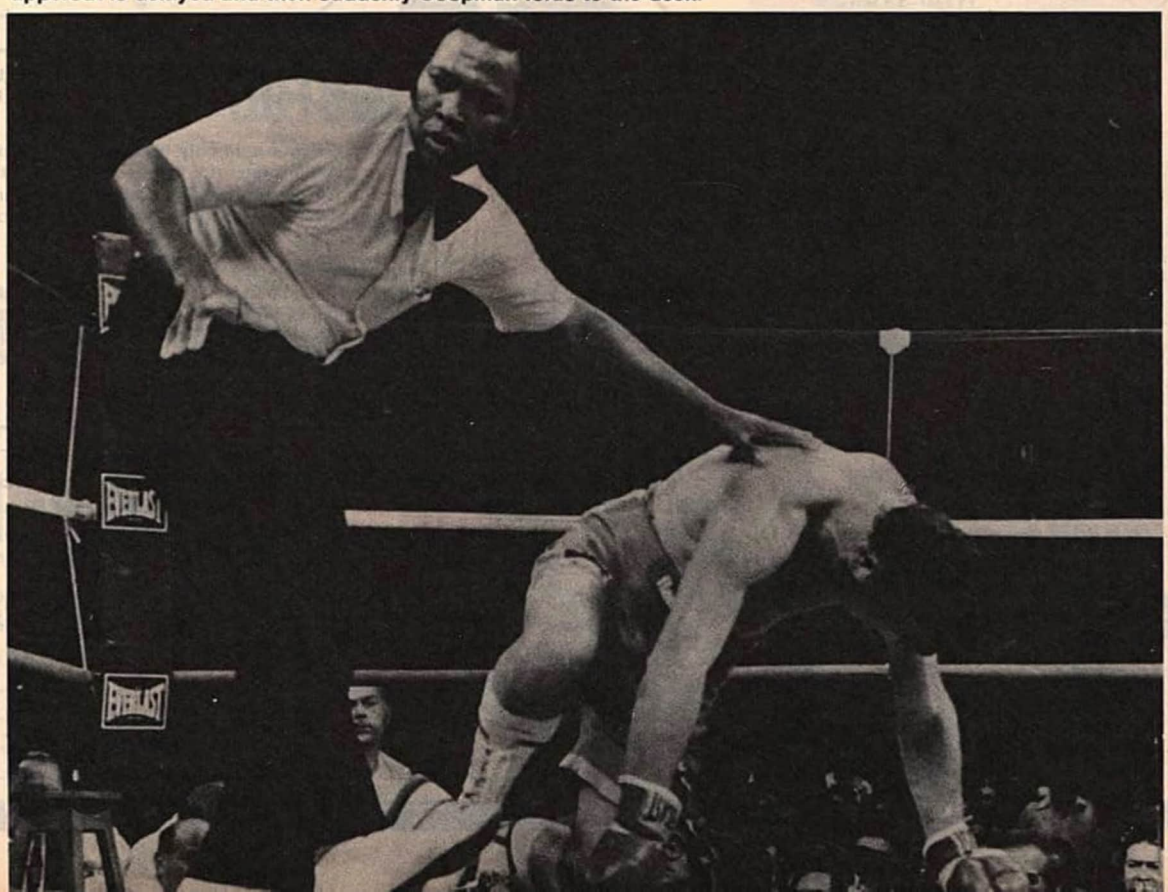
THE END! . . . . . .

The end is near as Referee Quinonez Falu picks up the count from the knockdown timekeeper in the fifth round. Seconds later it's all over and the referee and Ali help "Mr. Nice Guy" to his corner. The knockout is caused by a flurry of light punches ending up with a right uppercut, a left hook and a push. The effect of the uppercut is delayed and then suddenly Coopman folds to the deck.



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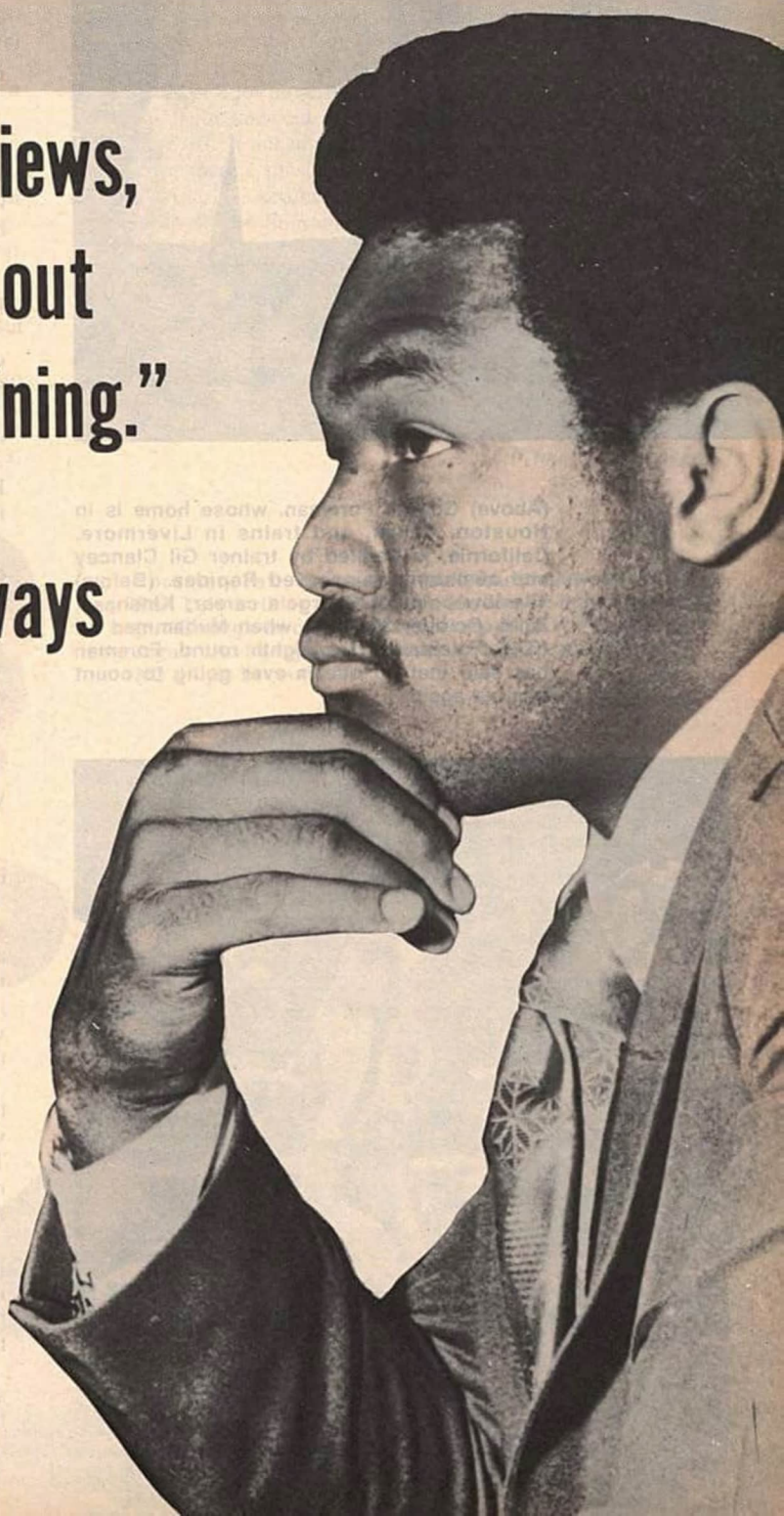
"I need boxing more than it needs me."



(Above) George Foreman, whose home is in Houston, Texas, and trains in Livermore, California, is flanked by trainer Gil Clancey and assistant trainer Ked Rapidez. (Below) The low point of George's career; Kinshasa, Zaire, October 30, 1974, when Muhammad Ali KO'D Foreman in the eighth round. Foreman has said that no one is ever going to count him out again.

By GEORGE FOREMAN

PEOPLE in the public eye are always subject to criticism. George Foreman is no exception.

Thanks to the editors of RING MAGAZINE, hopefully, the following will explain to boxing fans and critics what's inside my head.

First off, why the 15 month gap between the Ali fight and the Lyle fight?

Most of all, there was a lot of confusion going on with me, not knowing exactly what fights to take. No one to really advise me, so I'm having to sit back and contemplate whether I'm making the right decision myself.

Being hesitant, what happens; a lot of time goes by. I find myself saying, "nope, I better wait and think this over."

Next thing I know, six months has gone by. Then it goes on and on and inactivity sets in.

Finally, I decided, "I've got to come back." And the only way I could come back was with a top opponent. I had a chance to fight Ron Lyle, a guy who had just fought for the title.

Yeh, the only way I'd come back in boxing would be the *right way*. Don't go hiding from punchers. Don't go hiding from good boxers. Fight the best that's available.

I feel that what's good for Foreman is good for boxing.

In general, if you're getting exposure and fighting good, honest fights, it's good for boxing.

These days in my career, I'm gonna fight nothing but bona fide contenders to get myself into the championship picture and I'll appreciate it more. That's good for boxing.

There's no way in the world that I can come up with off-the-wall opponents and justify it anymore. No way.

And the fights will be promoted with class and prestige like Jerry Perenchio did at Caesars Palace when I fought Lyle. That's good for boxing.

And I'm going to have to be thoroughly conditioned. That's good for boxing.

Some writers criticize me for not making myself more available to them for interviews. "George doesn't cooperate."

One thing about giving interviews, it's just like training for me. When I really sit down and rap with a guy, I give it all I got. I never prepare anything to say, and there's nothing that I won't talk about. I try not to repeat myself from one interview to another.

I love to give interviews, but they take a lot out of me.

I'm honest. I try to get right down to the basics. Hopefully, if you do that, the guy will write an honest story.

After I have an interview, I need rest.

Some writers will say, "George, Ali will see me any time of the day or night. He'll always talk. He cooperates."

Well, I think certain people have certain things that they keep saying and they're never going to say anything different. For example, if you came to me and said, "George, let me have an interview." And I said, "O.K. Two and two is four, nine and nine is 18, 19 plus one is 20." And then there was another guy that wanted another interview right away, and I said O.K. and told him the same things.

There would be no strain on me. I could do that constantly. All the time. If I was like that I could do an interview any time. It wouldn't bother me. I'd just have a prepared thing. Rehearse it. Then say it to them. But the press always likes to go in-depth with me, so I just can't do that all the time. No way I can just do that all the time. No way I can just do that any old time.

I really enjoy getting into myself during these interviews. When I talk, I make myself rattle, ratttle, rattle-off. I'm listening to myself talk. This is where I get my own knowledge about myself. I pick up what I'm talking about. I end up working out problems by talking. I enjoy just letting myself go.

A lot of these in-depth reporters who come out and sit with you, such as Red Smith, Dave Anderson, Milton Richmond, Eddie Muller, Jack Fiske, Paul McCarthy, Art Rosenbaum, Jim Murray, Dick

Young, Melvin Durslag, Ed Schuyler and Allan Malamud, Nat Loubet—these are heavy cats.

They spend much of their life talking with guys like O. J. Simpson, Wilt Chamberlain, Muhammad, Johnny Unitus, Jim Brown, Jack Dempsey or Joe Louis. They've observed these people over the years and they've formed their opinions, too.

You're really not just talking to dodos. A lot of times they envision things that are going to happen to other people, so you pick up a lot from them. Every now and then when they do interject it's an intelligent thing.

Time and again they give you some advice that's really worthwhile. So I keep one big ear open as we talk.

Who gets better acquainted with sports people than sports writers? They get involved too. Like the guy who wrote *The Boys of Summer*, Roger Kahn. You couldn't tell me he didn't get personally involved living with the Brooklyn Dodgers of the Jackie Robinson era. He felt plenty of emotions in his experiences. Now, when he sees young baseball players breaking into the big leagues, he can almost forecast what may happen to them. So they can find out a lot from people like him.

I'll appreciate the heavyweight championship more when I win it the second time.

This time I want to earn it the tough way.

Before, I was the Olympic champion and had a lot of publicity and a lot of push behind me. Lots of people were doing things for me that they wouldn't ordinarily do for most people. Instantly I became a contender. I was a fighting contender, so the pressure was put on the champion (Frazier) to fight me and I won the title.

It was like one-two-three right down the line. A lot of people in the world didn't know who I was when I became champion. But this time they'll know.

The whole idea is to become champion again. It means more to me than anything. It can't be done this time by any doors being opened. I just have to go out and eliminate anyone that stands in my way. Get your title shot and win it. Can't bring back no excuse. No excuse will do.

Losing the title was part of my maturing process. I think a person always has to taste defeat before he can appreciate victory.

I didn't know anything about defeat in my first 40 fights. I know what it's all about now. When I had the Lyle fight, nothing in me, in my whole subconscious, my whole body, nowhere in me wanted to be a loser anymore. Nowhere. Even when I was out, the subconscious didn't want any part of it.

It picked me up off the floor and I won. Now I know what defeat is, and there's no way I can justify it. Some people can say to themselves, "Well, I lost. It doesn't matter you know. So what. You got this and you got that." And they can soothe themselves.

But nowhere inside of me can I be relaxed with losing. That's what made me get up off the floor even when I was out. My body just would not accept my losing again. And I won't be able to soothe myself.

In Africa, when I got knocked down it really embarrassed me no end. The fight was over when I got up. That just isn't the way I would have wanted to go. I would have liked to have fought my way even if they would have had to carry me out. I'd have appreciated that a lot more than being counted out.

When I got knocked down the second time with Lyle it really ticked me off. It ticked me off more than anything, because when I was down there I must have said to myself, "Oh well, here I go again." And it ticked me off that I could even say that to myself. I jumped up off the floor and not only fought with Lyle, but I fought with myself that I dare mention that to myself.

The whole idea of Zaire and all that just came right back to me. I relived my whole boxing career and the Africa thing in the few seconds I was down. There would have been no way that Lyle could have beaten me. He could have knocked me down again. I wasn't gonna give the referee time to count me out or nothing.

Winning that fight proved a lot to me. Inside me. The inside is where you get your hurt and inside is where you get your satisfac-

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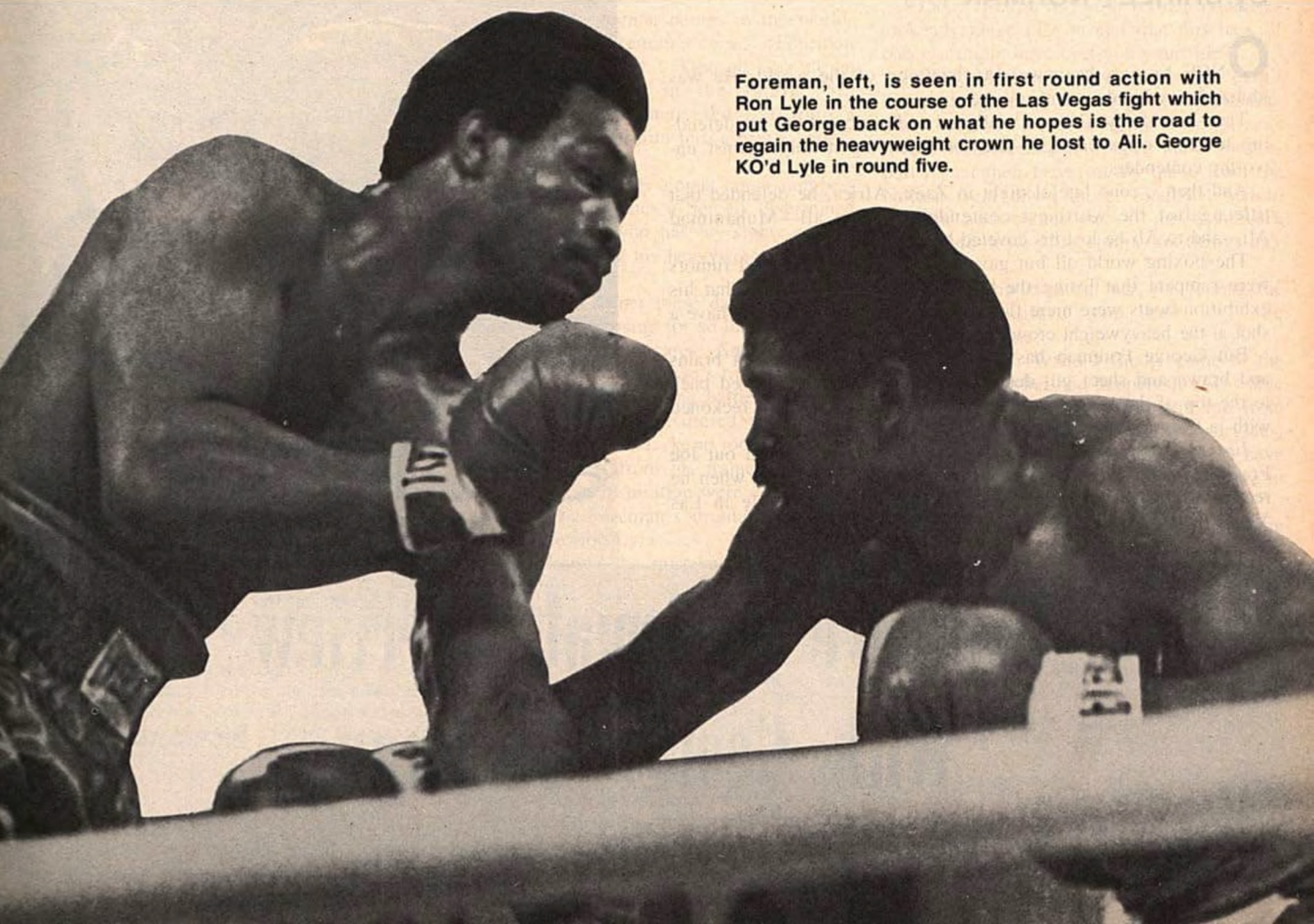
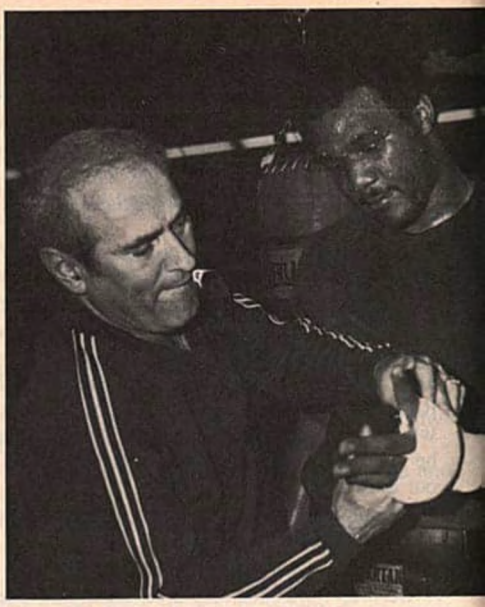


Foreman, left, is seen in first round action with Ron Lyle in the course of the Las Vegas fight which put George back on what he hopes is the road to regain the heavyweight crown he lost to Ali. George KO'd Lyle in round five.



In the course of a vigorous workout, trainer Gil Clancy tends to Foreman's hands. George says inactivity is a thing of the past; it's hard training and frequest bouts from here on.

Two moments of the Lyle-Foreman fight in Las Vegas: (Above) Foreman hit the deck in round one and came up from that count with fire in his eyes and the power in his gloves to do something about it. (Right) During the heat of the battle it was Foreman, left, and Lyle, right, coming at one another straight on, landing anything and everything.

Exclusive Informal Interview With George Foreman

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

ONCE he was heavyweight champion of the world. He was idolized. . .adored. . .and revered.

Then—suddenly—he was maligned and criticized for not defending his title often enough—and for defending it only against unworthy contenders.

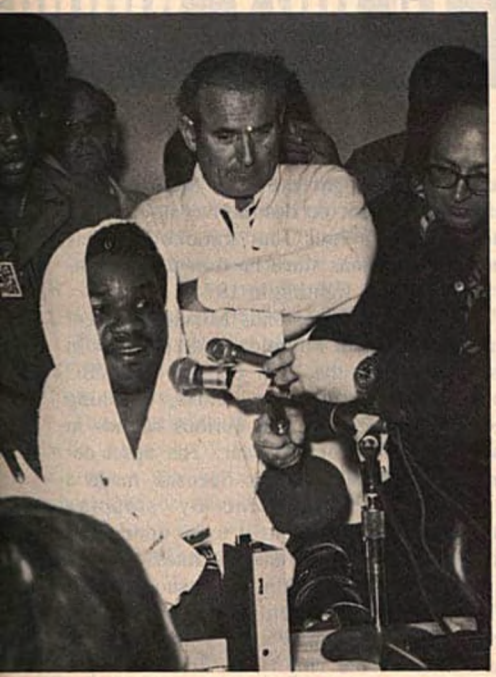
And then. . .one fateful night in Zaire, Africa, he defended that title against the worthiest contender of them all—Muhammad Ali—and to Ali he lost his coveted heavyweight crown.

The boxing world all but gave him up to oblivion, and rumors were rampant that losing the title had psyched him out—that his exhibition bouts were mere fiascos, and that he would never have a shot at the heavyweight crown again.

But George Foreman has proved them all wrong. With brains and brawn and sheer gut determination, George has climbed back to the top of the heap—and proved that he's a man to be reckoned with in the aura of the top heavyweight contenders.

Just as Foreman astounded the world when he knocked out Joe Frazier in Jamaica in 1973. . .so he astounded the world when he recovered from two knockdowns to demolish Ron Lyle in Las Vegas in 1976.

After his KO victory over Lyle, Foreman is interviewed by Howard Cossell and is surrounded by sports casters and camera men.



At the post-fight press conference in Las Vegas, Foreman beams as he answers questions. Behind him are George's brother, Gil Clancy, and Bill Caplan, Foreman's PR man.

The now historic bout of January 24, 1976, between George Foreman and Ron Lyle was, in George's own words, "the toughest fight of my life."

It was a life and death battle between two of the toughest human beings in the world. Lyle knocked Foreman down. . .Foreman knocked Lyle down. . .George was down again. . .and then, in the fateful 5th round—Foreman maneuvered Lyle into a corner and pounded him into a brutal knockout.

"No referee is ever gonna count numbers over me again," states a fiercely determined George Foreman who has his sights on just one goal; regaining his heavyweight championship crown.

In George's corner these days is the vital factor that was missing for so long. That factor is: someone who cares. And that someone is Gil Clancy, Foreman's trainer.

Throughout the brawling battle of January 24, George Foreman, battered and bruised since the first round, kept looking to his corner for words from his trainer. Clancy's instructions and inspiration were certainly instrumental in Foreman's dramatic upset of the rock-like Ron Lyle.

George knows the mistakes he's made in the past—and he's correcting them all. He's got his head together and his goal in sight—to regain the heavyweight championship of the world.

In the weeks before the now-historic bout at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Foreman was besieged by press and promoters. But his first exclusive in-depth interview was granted to your RING reporter, who was the only woman ever to interview him three years ago while he was champion.

Foreman is as kind and gentle in private life as he is brutal and ferocious in the ring.

In the Caesars Palace coffee shop, fighter and writer convened in a private corner, and a genial George Foreman answered all our queries in his own gracious low-key manner.

RING: Do you feel strongly that you were sabotaged before your fight against Ali in Zaire?

FOREMAN: You know—so many things went wrong over there I wasn't even surprised when I lost that fight and my title. Such weird things kept happening. Like, I got hit over the eye, my dog mysteriously got hurt, they kept changing my living quarters, and then I got into a 5-car accident! How do you explain all that?

RING: Do you feel that your own people were not looking after you properly?

FOREMAN: Yes. I felt like the protective shield over me was gone. There was a complete lack of concern about my well-being. There were arguments during training, and all kinds of things occurred that shouldn't have happened.

RING: Has all that changed now?

FOREMAN: Yes, I think I've learned from my mistakes. And most of all, I've gained maturity. I was inexperienced at being famous, and I didn't realize that I was the one in command—that it was up to me to get things done my way. When I was champ, it was like being made king of a country. That's not good for you when it happens so suddenly.

RING: Do you feel your former associates took advantage of you and that this lack of concern might have cost you your title?

FOREMAN: So many people just didn't do anything. They let me get into lawsuits. They let that incident happen in Caracas where the government stopped me at the airport to get their taxes on my purse from the Norton fight down there. Finally I had to step in and figure out—I am a mature man—and now I'm gonna do things my way.

RING: How dreadful was the feeling the day you realized you had lost the heavyweight title?

FOREMAN: When I finally came to the realization of what had happened, I was able to figure out why. And that kept me from feeling too frustrated or depressed. Besides, I didn't have to bear it all by myself. I have a mother, and sisters and brothers who are in my corner no matter what happens.

RING: Do you feel you've got everything together now—in your mind, in your body and in your punches?

FOREMAN: I sure have. You know, life always goes on. And besides, only 10% of George Foreman is the boxer. The other 90% is George Foreman—a family man, a Christian man and a God-fearing man.

RING: Speaking of family, what is your relationship with your former wife, Adrienne?

FOREMAN: We're still good friends. We

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MUANGSURIN HALTS FURUYAMA

WBC Title Retained Over 15 Gory Rounds

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

WBC Jr. Welter champ Saensak Muangsurin, Thailand, lands a barrage of punches against Tetsuo Furuyama, Japan, in round seven of the Tokyo bout.

TOKYO, JAPAN — Unbeaten Saensak Muangsurin, of Thailand, was consistently more aggressive than Tetsuo (Lion) Furuyama, Japan, and won a unanimous decision in 15 gory rounds to retain the WBC version of the junior welterweight title. The card, a rematch of lefthanders, drew more than 8,000 customers at Nihon University Auditorium, Tokyo. Furuyama, 28 years old, suffered an eighth round TKO by the Thai, after he took a standing count due to a lopsided beating in February last year.

In spite of the Japanese's determination before lots of adherents, bad gashes prevented Furuyama from retaining a points lead in earlier rounds. It was Muangsurin, rough and game guy, that battered the fading opponent to score a well-received decision. Filipino third man Enrique Jimenez saw the brawl 146-43 for the Thai, while judge Verayat Hiranyaleka, Thailand, tabbed quite a onesided nod, 148-139, in Saensak's favor. Japanese judge Ken Morita had it 147-144 to make the foreigner the winner.

Saensak entered the ring at 139½ pounds, while the Japanese lefty, 140. But the former was five minutes late to appear before the crowd, which was on its feet to boo the promoter.

Furuyama, ex-stablemate of Fighting Harada, made a hot opening attack to score well with a long left. Due to the cold air, maybe, Saensak had to spend several rounds to warm up gradually. The Japanese, who had sunk 22 men in 32 wins against 9 defeats and 4 draws dominated the first three rounds with ease. The Thai was cautious enough to see Furuyama's positive punching.

Saensak, whose mouth was as wide as his guard and had predicted a kayo in the ninth session, was expected to open a vaunted roundhouse attack from the start. He was formerly a national champion of Thai-styled fighting, using hands and feet brutally.

The tide turned in round five never to turn back to the end. Muangsurin suddenly began the fireworks, to hit the Japanese with strong punches. Furuyama, whose great durability accounted for no knockdowns during an eight year career, showed his weakness, lack of action, in later rounds. In round six a big gash opened over the left eyebrow. Furuyama had another cut, in the next round, by the right eye, but Muangsurin's punching was not so destructive as expected due to his previous four knockouts in as many competitions since he turned to the international style fighting in 1974.

Then in only 59 seconds Muangsurin sent Rudy Barro, rated Filipino, to dreamland. In his third outing the Thai copped the WBC portion of the 140-pound class, finishing Pedro Fernandez in eight furious rounds in Bangkok in July of last year. The upset dethroning took place, after Saensak made a sensation in the Orient by stopping Furuyama who was thought to be unmatched locally with his power and toughness.

Saensak, as tall as sturdy Tetsuo, utilized a superior reach by ten inches effectively. They often exchanged a rally toe-to-toe in the center of the ring. The Thai's straight left caught the target faster than the Japanese tried to. Descriptions in papers during the Thai's workouts in Nippon, spoke of Muangsurin as still being wild and awkward in this game. But his physical strength, stamina and good muscles overwhelmed the Japanese veteran to take from five to eight rounds.

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Koichi Wajima, Japan, lands a hard left hook against defending WBA Jr. Middleweight champion Jae Do Yuh, Korea, during their 15 round title bout in Tokyo. Wajima regained the title he lost to Yuh on June 7, 1975, with a knockout in the fifteenth round.

WAJIMA WINS JR. MIDDLE CROWN FOR THIRD TIME

By HOWARD WHITE

TOKYO, Japan—Koichi Wajima, Japan regained the world junior middleweight title with a 15 round knockout over Korea's Jae Do Yuh.

This was the third time Wajima had held the crown. He won the title for the first time on October 31, 1971, with a 15 round nod over Italy's Carmelio Bossi. He defended it against Domenico Tiberia, kayo one, Miguel de Oliveira twice, draw 15 and win 15; outpointed Ryu Sorimachi, 15. He then lost the title to America's Oscar Alvarado, via kayo in the 15th. Koichi beat Alvarado in a return 7 months later. He then lost the title for the second time to Yuh, on June 7, 1975, being stopped in 7, and with this win he becomes the first fighter to hold this crown three times.

The return with Yuh was a one-side match. Wajima started off fast. Boxing out of an unorthodox style of throwing punches from a low posture, forcing Yuh to back up most of the contest.

From the 2nd round until the fifth, Koichi scored with combination lefts and rights to the face of the Korean. He drew blood in the fifth with a hard left to the nose.

The sixth round to the 14th Wajima gave Yuh no chance to get an offensive going. He kept on top of his man scoring at will to the head and body.

The end came at 1:47 of the 15th round with Wajima scoring with a crunching right to the chin of Yuh. That brought the 10,000 local fans, at Nihon University Auditorium, to their feet.

For Jae Do Yuh, this was his second defense on the title. He beat Masahiro Misako, via kayo in six, on November 11, 1975. This lost was only the second of his career. His overall mark is 22-2-1, with 14 kayoes.

Wajima's record now stands at 21-4-1 with 16 knockouts. There

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Escalera-Fernandez Upstage Ali

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO—Local Alfredo Escalera, the W.B.C. junior lightweight king, had a tough time holding on to his crown. Dominican Jose Fernandez almost stole the title with a better effort then anyone figured he could put up.

This title bout was on the under-card of the Muhammad Ali-Jean P. Coopman heavyweight title fight, held at the Roberto Clemente Coliseum and TV in the U.S.A. over the CBS network.

The fight was the best of the night. It had the fans standing all 13 rounds, cheering both men on to victory. They stole the night from the great Ali.

The contest was a dog-fight for the first nine rounds. Fernandez, who's brother Vilomar upset Ray Lampkin in Madison Square Garden a few earlier, kept the pressure on the champ. Being the shorter of the two, Jose moved in under the blows of the taller Escalera, scoring with left hooks to the body and head. These punches looked better than they were, as Fernandez is not much of a puncher.

Alfredo boxed for a short amount of time in each of these rounds, scoring with right hand leads to the head and long sharp left jabs to the face.

The tenth round was the turning point of the bout. At the end of the round Escalera staggered Jose with a right-left-right to the jaw which hurt Fernandez and sent him from one side of the ring to the other. Referee Waldemar Schmidt gave Fernandez a standing 8 count. The bell saved him from a sure knockout.

Alfredo looked all punched out in the 11th. He let Fernandez off the hook. By the end of the round Jose was coming on.

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Jose Fernandez, Dominican Republic, ducks from a left to the jaw of the WBC's Jr. lightweight champ in the ninth round of their San Juan fight. Escalera won a unanimous decision over 13 rounds.

Martinez Nips Borkorsor In WBC Banty Title Go

By JUAN ORTEGA

BANGKOK, THAILAND — Rodolfo Martinez, Mexico, upset the odds with a 15 round split nod over local Venice Borkorsor in Hua Mark Stadium in Bangkok. Rodolfo became the first foreign boxer to win a title from a local in the stadium.

This was Martinez's third defense of his W.B.C. bantamweight crown since he defeated Rafael Herrera in December of 1974. His other two defenses were against Nestor Jiminez, Colombia, a kayo in 8, and Japan's Hisami Numata, via 15 round decision.

The contest did not start out on the plus side for the champion. The local gave him a good going over for the first three rounds. Martinez was decked with a left hook in the second round and took an 8 count from referee Jay Edson.

Then Rodolfo made his move! He changed from an orthodox style to his natural style of a southpaw. From this point on it was no contest. Martinez planted his right jab in the face of Venice for the next 11 rounds. Borkorsor's right eye was closed from the sixth on to the 15th.

The 22,000 fans who enjoyed the first three rounds, when their hero was scoring with repeated combinations, now were silent as their boy was being given the same from the Mexican champion.

The decision was split, with the Thai judge voting for Borkorsor, and the Mexican judge and the referee calling it for Martinez.

A southpaw himself, Borkorsor gave up the world flyweight crown in 1973, due to weight troubles. He lost at his first attempt

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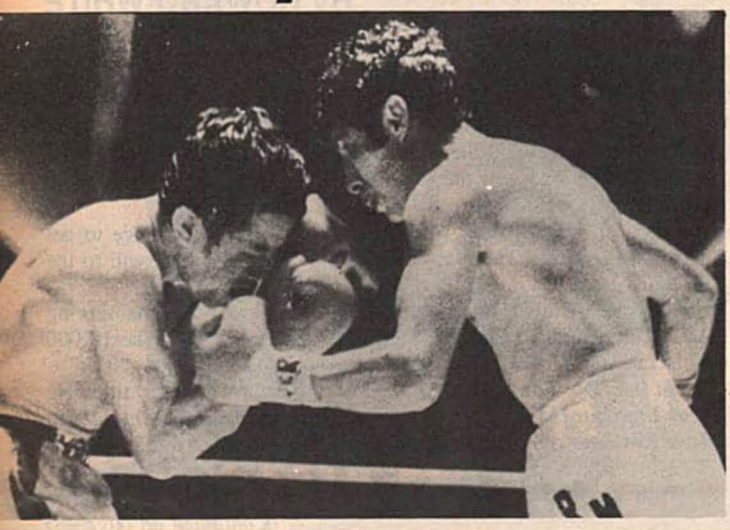

WBC bantamweight champion Rodolfo Martinez, Mexico, delivers a hard left to the face of Venice Borkorsor, Thailand, in the 11th round of their 15 round bout in Bangkok. Martinez won a split decision.

EVERETT WINS HARD 12 FROM MURO

By NIGEL COLLINS

PHILADELPHIA, PA. — Local southpaw sensation Tyrone Everett remained undefeated with a hard fought 12-round decision over super game Mexican Rosalio Muro. The healthy Spectrum crowd of 8,611 saw both Everett and Muro take mandatory eight counts before their rugged battle was over.

Everett's dazzling hand and foot speed dominated the first half of the match. Muro, 124½, bravely pressed forward, but was continually thwarted by Tyrone's razor sharp counters.

The Philadelphian scored a flash knockdown just as the bell sounded at the end of the fourth round. Muro appeared more off-balance than hurt.

The Mexican got into the fight in the last six rounds, but a severely lacerated left eyebrow, suffered in the seventh round, was a big handicap.

A long right hand to the head dumped Everett briefly in the eighth. He quickly regained his feet and outpunched Muro for the remainder of the round.

Everett, 126, cemented his victory in the ninth and tenth rounds. He battered Muro almost at will, keeping a steady stream of blood flowing from Rosalio's injured optic.

Muro never stopped trying and even managed to out-hustle Everett in the final two rounds. The pace had drained both men, but Muro kept working while Tyrone was content to clown and coast his way down the stretch.

Fast-rising Jerome Artis, 134, impressed the fans with an easy ten-round points win over Johnny Copeland, 133, from Joplin, Mo.

It was expected in some circles that the hard-punching Copeland

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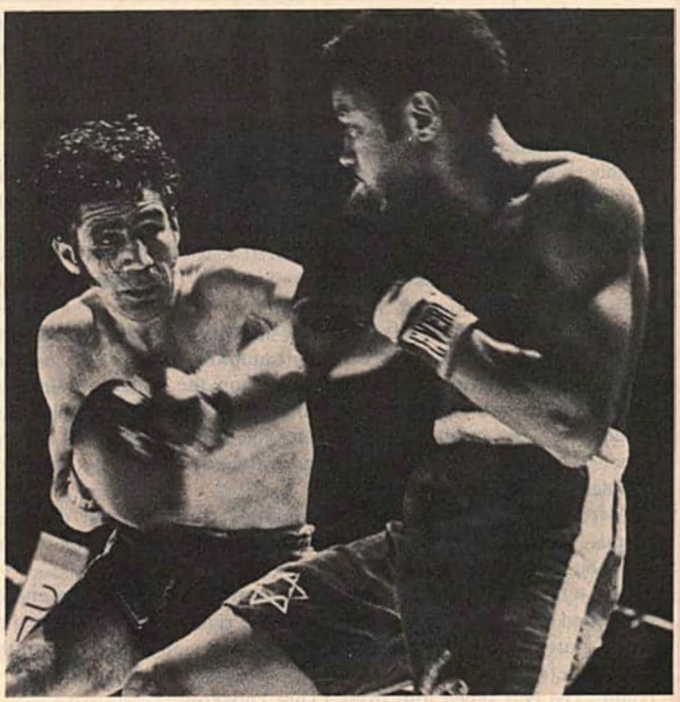
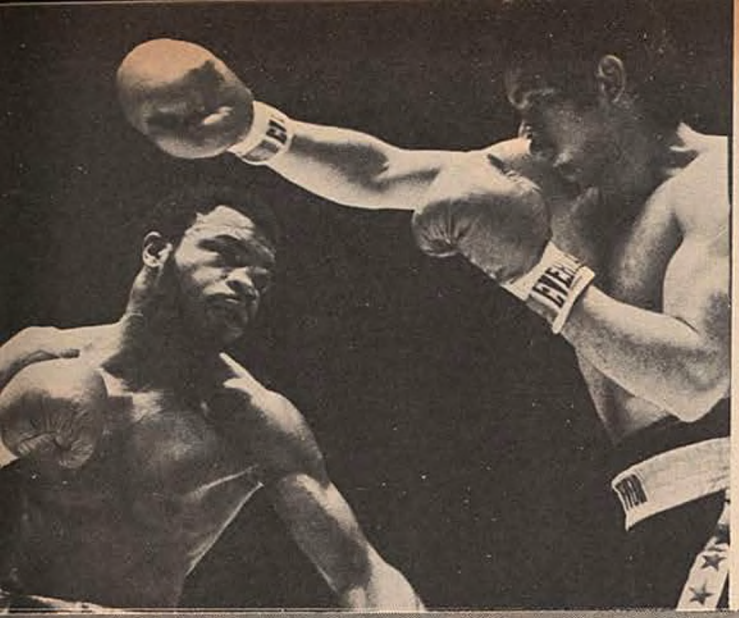


Rosalio Muro is on the receiving end of a right by Tyrone Everett during their Philadelphia bout which Everett won by decision. Muro's eye was cut in round seven and continued to bother him throughout the rest of the fight.



Portland's Ray Lampkin dodges a right thrown by New York's Vilomar Fernandez in the course of their 10 round match at New York's Madison Square Garden. Fernandez won the decision.

Duane Bobick, originally of Bowlus, Minnesota, and now living in Philadelphia, lands a right to the head of Larry Middleton, of Baltimore, during the eighth round of the ten round fight won by Bobick.

Douglas And Fernandez Win Upsets Over Soto And Lampkin

By JOHN ORT

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK — A nite of upsets in the New Garden, as Bill Douglas beat Pedro Soto, Vilomar Fernandez defeated Ray Lampkin, Saul Mamby held Harold Weston to a draw and Larry Middleton went 10 with Duane Bobick losing the duke.

Pedro Soto, 180, New York, was in with Tom Bethea, also from New York. Two days prior to the contest Bethea came down with the flu. Garden matchmaker Teddy Brennan looked high and low for someone to box Soto. At the last minute, he came up with 37-year-old Akron, Ohio, middleweight Bill Douglas. Bill had only boxed four times in the last two years, winning three, losing one. Since November 27, 1974, he has boxed as a light heavyweight, scoring wins over Danny Brewer, Karl Zurheide and Lee Royston. He has a total record of 30-9-1, 22 kayo's. The 20-year-old Soto's mark was 12-1-2.

The contest started out with Douglas giving it everything he had, trying for a one round kayo, but Soto held his own. Pedro stayed on top for the first four rounds scoring with good right hands to the head of Douglas. The fans were waiting for the Ohio boxer to call it a nite. They didn't expect much from a last minute substitute.

All of a sudden in the fifth round Soto was getting tagged with right hand leads to the head. Down he went, as the crowd stood in dismay. This was the turning point of the contest. Pedro was lucky to last the round. He was in trouble again in the sixth and was saved by the bell. Rounds 7-9 Douglas stayed on top of Pedro leading with rights scoring at will as Soto could not get out of his own way.

The tenth round proved to be the straw that broke the camel's back. Soto moving in scoring with good rights hoping to turn the contest back into his favor was hit with a long looping right to the jaw and again found himself on the floor.

The scoring of the contest was as follows, judge Bill Recht 5-5, giving the bout to Douglas 7-5 on points. Referee Pete Della had 5-4-1, Douglas, 6-5, Douglas on points. Artie Aidala scored 6-4, Soto, but gave the bout to Douglas on points 7-5, due to the two knockdowns. There is a rule in the New York State Commission book that states that a boxer can win a bout on rounds but lose it on points, if he finishes faster or causes a couple of knockdowns.

Asked how much time he had to train for this bout Douglas, 175, replied, "I caught the 10 A.M. flight today to get here."

The main go between No. 5 ranked heavyweight Duane Bobick, 213, Bowlus, Minn. and Baltimore's Larry Middleton, 209¾, was a dull ten round affair.

Duane won the fight without any problems at all. He scored at will to the head and body of Middleton. Larry did little in the contest. He just wanted to be there at the finish. The scoring was 9-1 and 10-0, by two officials. After the contest Bobick stated that he had his nose broken. I didn't see referee Harold Valen hit him. I know Middleton didn't.

The dull bout of the evening was a ten round welterweight contest between Harold Weston, 146, New York, No. 5 in the world, and Puerto Rico's junior welterweight Saoul Mamby, 142.

Mamby stayed on top of Weston for ten rounds, as Harold looked less like himself. He had the flu during the week and it showed. Be that as it may, many felt that Saoul should have been given the nod.

The first ten of the nite, No. 1 lightweight in the world, Portland's Ray Lampkin was upset by the side-stepping Dominican, Vilomar Fernandez.

Lampkin, boxing only for third time since he was kayoed by lightweight champion Roberto Duran March 2, 1975, looked rusty as an old nail. He never got off at all as Fernandez decked him in the first with a wild left hook to the jaw. Ray never recovered from this punch and was beaten 7-3 on all official cards.

Lampkin stated after the contest, "I just didn't have enough boxing before this contest. I boxed only 7 rounds in two prior bouts

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"Flashy" Flyweight Prospect-Ruben Castillo

The Bakersfield Flash, Ruben Castillo, is cutting quite a path through the featherweight ranks.

By HAROLD COX

"HE'S the best looking featherweight prospect to come out of the west coast since Bobby Chacon."

That's the way veteran matchmaker Mickey Davies describes Ruben Castillo, an 18-year-old Bakersfield battler who has been cutting a wide swath through the west coast featherweight ranks since turning pro last February.

Those sentiments were echoed by long-time manager George Parnassus who, before his death, said young Castillo possessed all the skills to make a serious run at the championship.

That's pretty heady stuff coming, as it did, from two of boxing's most knowlegable observers, but the Bakersfield flash has done nothing in his first year as a pro to indicate the praise was unearned.

Castillo, managed by Bakersfield jewler Harold Cox, launched his pro career with a bang February 24, 1975, when he scored a fourth-round knockout over Frank Aumado in Tucson, Arizona.

And to prove it wasn't a fluke, he took on Aumado again in Las Vegas two weeks later, this time banging out a unanimous six-round decision.

His third time out, on March 31, in Phoenix, Castillo again demonstrated explosive power when he knocked out Regis Rodriguez through the first round.

Then came a four-month hiatus in his career.

"We were having trouble lining up the fights we wanted," says manager Cox.

But those four months were not wasted.

Cox sent his young battler to San Diego and into the capable hands of trainer Burke Emery who also trains Manuel Lujan and world-ranked featherweight Art Hafey.

"I learned a lot in those four months," Castillo says.

"I was lucky enough to work out with Art every day. And every day I learned something new."

And it showed when Castillo returned to the ring.

On July 31 he went against Manny Castro in a six-rounder in Las Vegas and scored a clean first-round knockout.

Since that time, Castillo has been one of the busiest fighters around, and his record remains impressive.

On August 13, in Las Vegas, he scored a fourth-round kayo over Reuben Agular. On August 22, in Tecate, Mexico, he pounded out a six-round decision over Yuma Duran. On September 24, in Las Vegas he decisioned Ray Thomas in six, then repeated that feat in Tucson October 10 when the two fighters met again.

On November 13, in Phoenix, he met Rodriguez for the second time, and again put him away in the first round. He scored a six-round decision over Tony Alvarado on November 25, in Eugene, Oregon, and came back on December 10 with a second-round knockout over Dany Stanado in Phoenix, then decisioned Migual Menza December 17, in a six-rounder in Las Vegas.

In his last outing on January 7, in Phoenix, he decisioned Simon Foniunel in a 10-round semimain event.

Castillo's success as a professional is the result of some sound seasoning in the amateur ranks.

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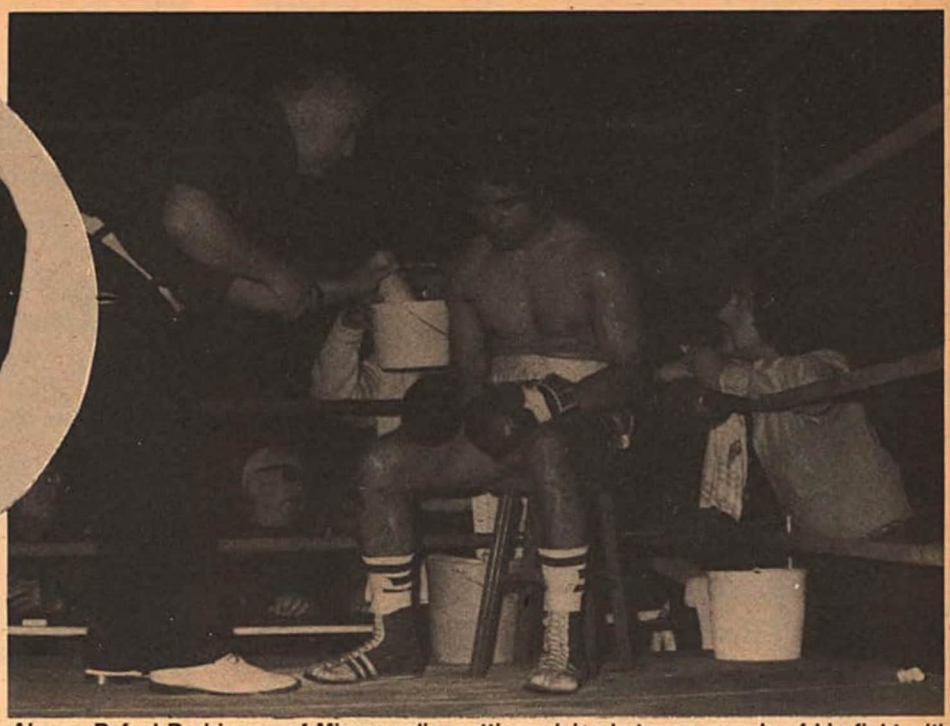
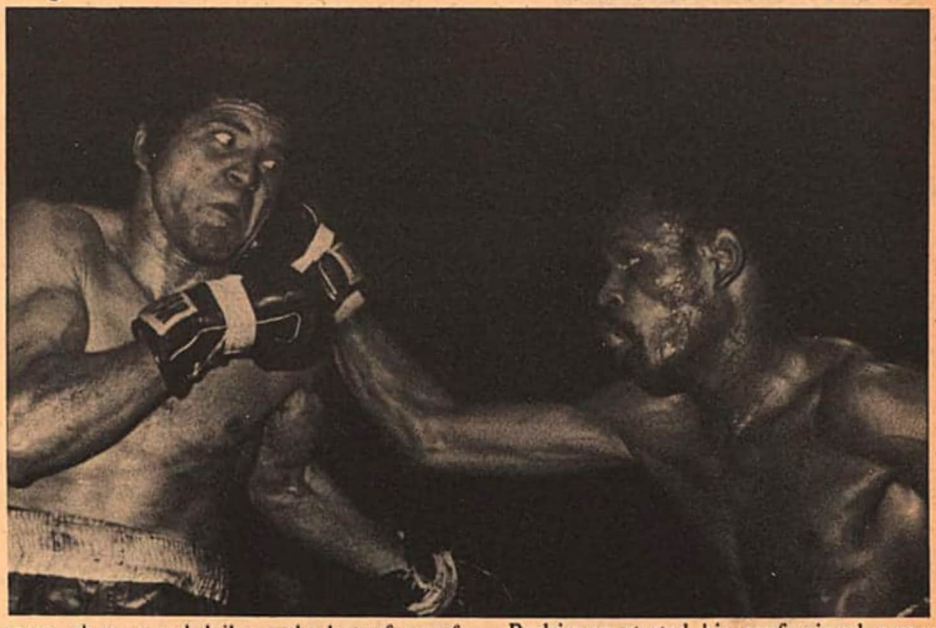


Above: Rafael Rodriguez, of Minneapolis, getting advice between rounds of his fight with Chuck Wilburn at St. Paul. Joe Daszkiewicz, his trainer, gives his charge some fine points to help him stay away from Chuck's left jab which had cut Rafael's left eye. Below Chuck partially blocks right thrown by Wilburn in bout which Rodriguez won by slight margin.

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ Coming Along



MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. — As the sun comes up to shed the morning light on the rolling hills and tall trees, and the birds chirp to start the day, the beautiful country scene near Big Lake, Minnesota, is interrupted by a small bundled up figure running down lonely roads and over the wooded paths.

If you look closely you can see it's a fighter, it's Rafael Rodriguez, a welterweight from Minneapolis, and he is indeed a fighter, a really good one, who in the near future may make a name for himself among the world's welterweights.

Rodriguez is a quiet, reserved young man who was born in Minneapolis 27 years ago. He doesn't stand out in a crowd as a boisterous man, but he does stand out in the ring as a fighter going places. He can be moody and can show a quick temper if the occasion arises, but most of the time he will go unnoticed.

Rodriguez puts in around eight hours a day training, learning, and looking to what the future might hold for him. He runs, spars, chops wood daily on the large farm of his manager Ralph Peterson.

Then it's into downtown Minneapolis where under the watchful eyes of trainer Joe Daskiewicz, his brother Bobby, and Minneapolis promoter Ron Peterson, he goes through more gym sessions.

The Rodriguez clan is a fighting one. Rafael had three brothers who boxed as professionals. There was Rudy who fought many of the top fighters in the welter, middle, and light heavyweight divisions. Bobby, a lightweight, was successful on the West Coast a few years back and made some of the ratings. Ken had only a short pro career, and of course there's Rafael.

Rodriguez started his professional career on December 3, 1970, but before that he had an amateur career record of 50 wins and seven losses. He won the Minneapolis Gold Gloves title four times, and the Upper Midwest championship four times. Since turning pro, Rafael has put together a 13-3-1 record, scoring five knockouts.

Rodriguez has defeated Chuck Wilburn (W10), Mike Morgan (KO1), Johnny Mintagne (W10), Keith Averette (KO1), Tim Adams (W6), Steve St. Charles (W5), John Fuller (KO2), Clem Tucker (KO1), Bobby Crawford (W5), Billy Goodwin (KO8), Primus Williams (KO2), Kasim Puskar

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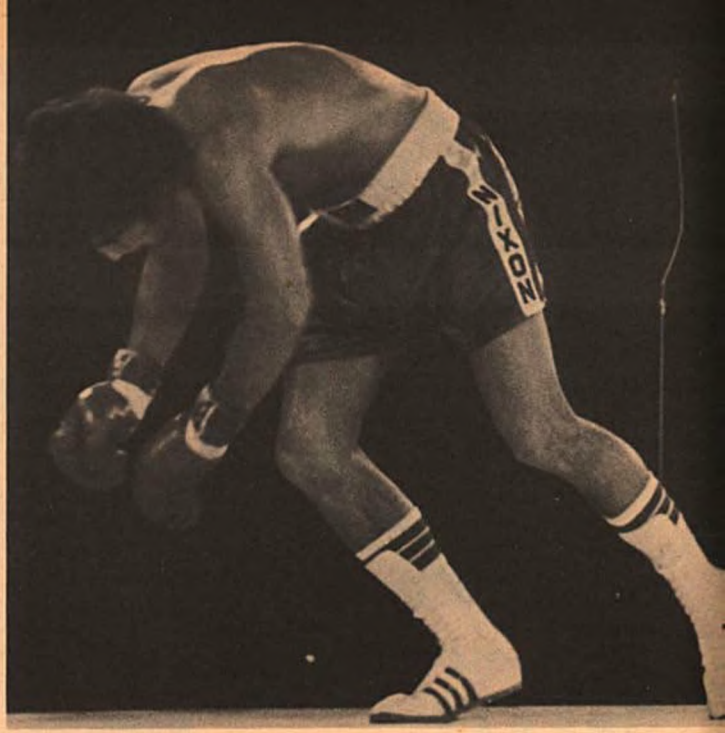

(Above) Mike Nixon crumples to the mat in round 7 of his bout with Mike Rossman, on August 1, 1975. (Left) Rossman follows through on the KO punch that put Nixon out of action.

Mike Rossman: Mazel Tough

By STUART L. BERMAN

THE ring announcer slipped through the ropes wearing patent leather shoes and patent leather hair. He grabbed the microphone and intoned, "In this corner, wearing white trunks with blue stripes, weighing 160 pounds, the Jewish Bomber——Mike Rossman." You could hardly hear the name as the crowd rose to its feet drowning out the introduction. Leading the cheering was the contingent from Yeshiva University seated directly behind Rossman's corner. They represented the nation's oldest and largest university under Jewish auspices located in uptown Manhattan's Washington Heights. Like other co-religionists, they came in droves to Madison Square Garden, in midtown Manhattan, to witness the resurgence of the fight game and a boxer with the unlikely name of Rossman. One member of the freshman class demonstrated the Ali shuffle as he switched to the "A" train at the 59th St. subway station.

That scene was from Mike Rossman's first appearance in the Garden. The middleweight contender had chalked up 14 knockouts, and at twenty years of age, he has fought five times in the Garden, where you can believe he was the heavy sentimental favorite.

It was not always big crowds and bright lights. Mike Rossman fought his way through the minor league boxing towns like Scranton, Pa., and Binghamton, N.Y. At the Broome County Arena in Binghamton, local promoter Tony Cerasaro said, "Rossman is a big drawing card here and I'm very upset we did not get the Rossman-Nixon rematch after it packed the house on May 19." It was the scene of Rossman's defeat on a controversial split decision still being debated. Instead the rematch went on national television with the revival of the "Friday Night Fights" by Madison Square Garden Productions. Rossman convincingly outclassed Mike Nixon, and savagely knocked him out in the seventh round. Don Dunphy stood in awe of Rossman who put his opponent to sleep with a single punch. Bill Mazer, an alumnus of

Middleweight Mike Rossman, proud of his Jewish heritage, wears the Star of David on his trunks.

Yeshiva University, proclaimed to the nation, "Tonight, a star was born."

Did he mean a Jewish star? Middleweight Mike Rossman did not exactly punch his way out of the ghetto. Entertaining press people around the swimming pool at his parents home in suburban Philadelphia, Mike explained, "Look at it this way—you know my father's a boxing agent and manager. I grew up in the boxing business. And lots of Jewish kids go into their fathers' business." Naturally, his mother would prefer that he not fight. It is not true, she says, that his crib had ropes around it and that she sounded a ring bell for dinner. Mike offered, "I guess the first time I had boxing gloves on was at age 8. The rec room in our house looked like a gym. After school I worked out on the speed and sand bags."

Mike's father is loquacious Jimmy DePiano, and like his son the middleweight, a blast from the past. With refreshing candor he explains, "Michael is very proud of his Jewish heritage, and took his mother's maiden name which is Rossman." Judaism is very clear on this point. Religious law prescribes that the religion of the mother is the religion of the child. It is one of the few things all rabbis agree on—Orthodox, Conservative and Reform. "Besides," says Jimmy candidly, "There are too many fighters around with Italian names." With his dad, Mike climbs into the ring proudly wearing the Jewish star of more accurately the "Star of David" (*Mogen Dovid*, in Hebrew). He wears the star on his white robe, his trunks and even on his shoes. For the cognoscenti, the last fighter to wear the Jewish star on his ring apparel was not Max Baer but Frenchman Robert Cohen, in 1956.

Carmine Graziano, Mike's trainer, knows all about the great fighters of the past. He handled ex-middleweight king Joey Giardello, among many others. Jimmy DePiano calls Carmine a student of boxing and a "real gentleman." The soft-spoken Graziano is the key man on the management team promoting young Rossman. Says DePiano, who has been the guiding light for son Mike, "I've been involved in boxing since 1932, and sometimes it's difficult, like a doctor treating his own kid." Graziano, who has been there before, commented, "I see a future champion in Mike Rossman, and the kid wants it because he knows the rich get richer." Overhearing this one sparring partner said, "Yeah, dem dat has gets."

Jimmy's wife, Cecilia Rossman DePiano, has learned to live with the boxing business. "I never dreamed Michael would become a professional boxer, even though he was always a good athlete. I encouraged him to take up golf." While she still wishes Mike were making his mark in the academic arena, she enjoys the widespread international publicity. The family enjoys momma's kosher cooking—"especially the meatballs in the soup, Kreplach, Jimmy, Kreplach!" He claims, "The doctor told me to watch my weight, so I'm keeping it right out front where I can watch it."

Rossman has been called a throwback to the old days, the reference here being to the whole host of Jewish boxers in the past such as, Battling Levinsky, Solly Krieger, Jackie Berg, Maxie Rosenblum, Benny Leonard, Barney Ross and others too numerous to mention. For them, living in abject poverty of the big cities, it was an opportunity to reach out of the ghetto—a quick road to fame and fortune.

A year ago, the *New York Times* announced the death of boxer Sid Terris, "the Ghost of the Ghetto." He opposed his friend Ruby Goldstein (later a referee) in the same division. The newspaper article read, "It was a June day in 1927 before a sellout crowd at the Polo Grounds—two Jewish fighters fought on behalf of an Italian charity." Given the makeup of our society today, what are the chances of something like that reoccuring? The same year, K.O. Kid Kaplan won the world's championship in the featherweight division, ushering in the Golden Age of Boxing.

Since Mike Rossman's appearance on Jan. 21, at the Capital Centre in Washington, D.C., he has been referred to as "champ" in some boxing circles. The bout went the full ten rounds for the first time in his career. He was forced to bounce back

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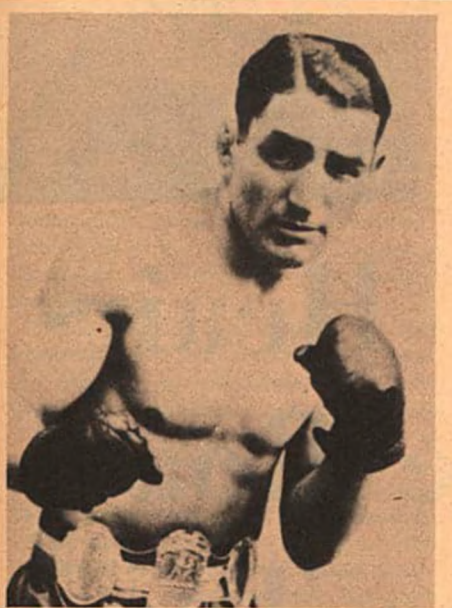
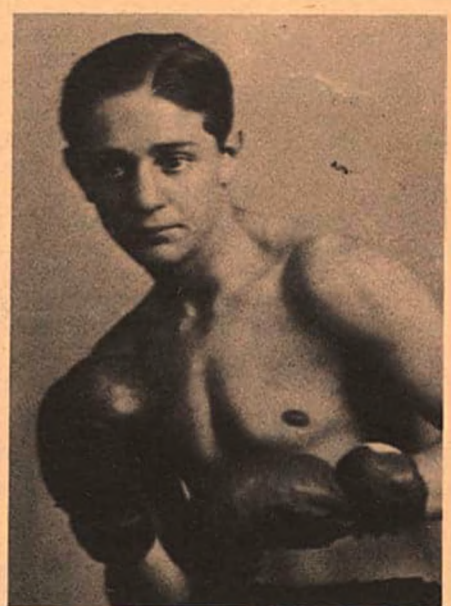
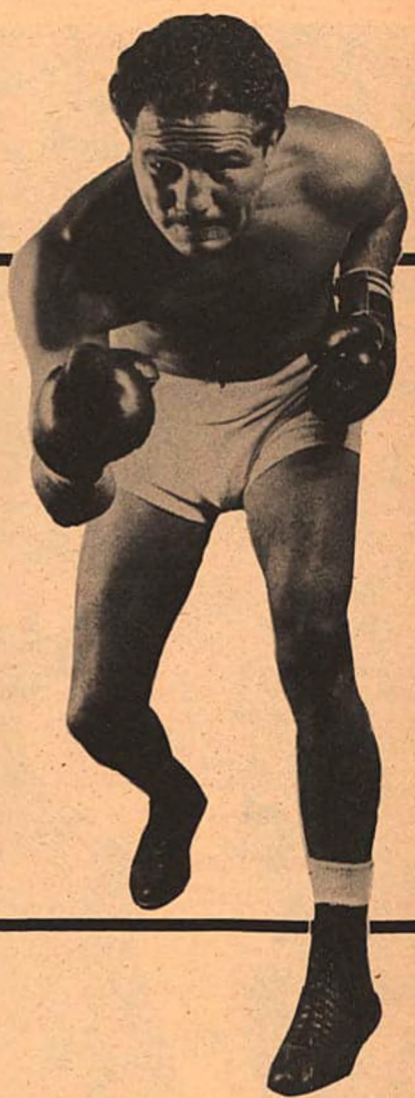






As part of a long line of men who fought as Jews, Mike Rossman follows in the tracks of such boxers as ex-featherweight champion K.O. Kid Kaplan (above left), fighter turned referee Ruby Goldstein (above right), and ex-heavyweight king Max Baer (right).

In the semi-main event on the Norton-Lovell card in Las Vegas, Jimmy Heair, right, won every round of his 10 round bout against Andreas Gonzalez, left, by his aggressive, two fisted attack.

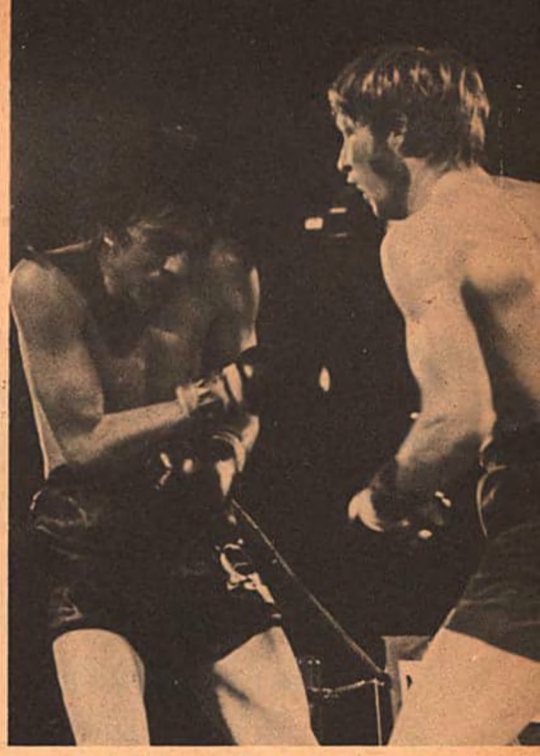
Heair gets Gonzalez against the ropes and laces him with a barrage of lefts and rights.

23 year old Jimmy Heair, originally from Okolona, Mississippi, has never been down for the count in his 52 fights. He has won 26 by KO and lost only 6 by decision.

Jimmy Heair- On The Road To The Top

By JIM KIRBY

Los Angeles' Gonzalez spent much of the fight back trying to stay out of the range of Heair's attack. Gonzalez was tough, but just no match for the stronger Heair. Jimmy would like to face Duran, Suzuki, Stracey or Cervantes.



Heair again has Gonzalez against the ropes. Heair can comfortably make weight for the lightweight, Jr. welterweight and welterweight divisions.

JIMMY Heair's bags are packed—he's ready to go. That's the way it is shortly after New Years Day 1976 as Jimmy says goodbye to his wife and two little kids in their small but comfortable apartment in El Paso, Texas, and leaves with his manager, Ron Weathers, to catch a flight to Las Vegas, Nevada.

And that's the way it's been throughout 1975. The formerly second-ranked lightweight contender, the idol of the televised fights from the Los Angeles Forum, the two-fisted fighter from remote Okolona, Mississippi, bags packed, hopping flights from El Paso to Buenos Aires, Argentina, to San Juan, Puerto Rico, to Durango, Mexico, San Diego, California and a half-dozen other places.

Jimmy Heair, ready and willing to go anywhere in the world, fight anybody in his own backyard, make any weight from 135 to 145, suffer the abuse of hometown fans and biased local press, all with one thought in mind—regain prime contender status and a long-awaited title shot, a fight for the championship of the world.

"We've approached the managers of every champion in the lightweight, junior welter and welterweight divisions," says Weathers, Heair's manager and close companion for better than a year now. "Mantequilla Napoles was the only one willing to talk business, but John Stracey put him out of the picture before we could get it on. We've got feelers out now to Stracey."

Usually modest, Heair expresses the same confidence: "I've beat several of the top-ranked lightweights and junior welters, and I know I'm ready for a title fight right now. Sure I lost a few fights in the last couple of years, but only two were legitimate defeats, and now I'm over any mental hangups and my nose hasn't bothered me in months."

Jimmy is referring to a badly broken and slow-healing nose injury suffered when he battered out a ten-round decision over former champion "Chango" Carmona in 1973. He blames the painful nose injury for his subsequent first loss in May 1974 to Rudy Barro. That followed a six-month layoff after recording 33 straight wins, most of them by the KO route.

Five more losses followed, along with 13 wins, as Heair left his home base of California, returned to Mississippi, and wound up in El Paso. He almost always fought far away from home, bitterly swallowing some hometown decisions, but maturing and proving his mettle to opponents, fans, press and promoters.

One thing is for certain. Jimmy Heair will always go ten tough rounds, throw plenty of leather, bring the crowd to their feet and stay solidly planted on his own. In 52 fights, Heair has never been down for the count, while he has won exactly half (26) by the early route and lost only six by decision.

In addition to the impressive win over Carmona, Heair has KO'd Tury "The Fury" Pineda in 4, Landial Negron in 5, and Angel Mayoral in 3. He returned to the Olympic in Los Angeles in December to bang out a 10-round decision over previously undefeated (22-0) Rudy Hernandez.

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How can Jimmy lose with his wife, Carol, one year old Andy and three year old Leslie staunchly behind him?

WORLD RATINGS

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MUHAMMAD ALI ..... Chicago, Ill.
1—KEN NORTON ..... San Diego, Calif.
2—GEORGE FOREMAN† ..... Houston, Texas
3—JIMMY YOUNG ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4—JOE FRAZIER ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5—DUANE BOBICK ..... Bowlus, Minn.
6—RON LYLE ..... Denver, Colo.
7—EARNIE SHAVERS ..... Warren, Ohio
8—LARRY HOLMES ..... Scranton, Pa.
9—CHUCK WEPNER ..... Bayonne, N.J.
10—JOHNNY BOUDREAUX ..... Houston, Texas

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—VICTOR GALINDEZ* ..... Argentina
2—LEN HUTCHINS† ..... Detroit, Mich.
3—RICHIE KATES ..... Brighton, N.J.
4—JOHN CONTEH** ..... England
5—TOM BETHEA ..... New York, N.Y.
6—BOBBY CASSIDY ..... New York, N.Y.
7—ALVARO LOPEZ ..... Stockton, Calif.
8—JESSIE BURNETT ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9—DOMENICO ADINOLFI ..... Italy
10—MATT PARLOV ..... Yugoslavia

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS MONZON* ..... Argentina
1—RODRIGO VALDEZ** ..... Colombia
2—VITO ANTUOFERMO ..... Italy
3—WILLIE MONROE ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4—GEORGE COOPER ..... Oakland, Calif.
5—TONY LICATA† ..... New Orleans, La.
6—BOBBY WATTS ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7—GRATIEN TONNA ..... France
8—BENNIE BRISCOE ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
9—EUGENE HART ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
10—MIKE COLBERT ..... Portland, Ore.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

KOICHI WAJIMA* ..... Japan
1—ELISH OBED** ..... Nassau, Bahamas
2—JAE DO YUH ..... South Korea
3—MIGUEL de OLIVIERA ..... Brazil
4—MAURICE HOPE ..... England
5—GENE WELLS ..... Mobile, Ala.
6—MIGUEL CAMPANINO ..... Argentina
7—ECKHART DAGGE ..... Germany
8—PERRY ABNER ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
9—MIKE BAKER† ..... Hillcrest Hgts., Md.
10—LEO SAENZ ..... Baltimore, Md.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JOHN STRACEY** ..... England
1—ANGEL ESPADA* ..... Puerto Rico
2—CLYDE GRAY ..... Canada
3—ARMANDO MUNIZ† ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4—PETE RANZANY ..... Sacramento, Calif.
5—JOSE NAPOLES ..... Mexico
6—HAROLD WESTON ..... New York, N.Y.
7—BRUNO ARCARI ..... Italy
8—CARLOS PALOMINO ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9—JOHNNY GANT ..... Washington, D.C.
10—FAUSTO RODRIGUEZ ..... Dominican Rep.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO BENITEZ* ..... Puerto Rico
1—ANTONIO CERVANTES ..... Colombia
2—SHENGSAK MUANGSURIN** ..... Thailand
3—MONROE BROOKS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4—HECTOR THOMPSON ..... Australia
5—LOU BIZZARRO ..... Erie, Pa.
6—NICOLINO LOCHE ..... Argentina
7—CEMAL KAMACIA ..... Austria
8—ESTEBAN DeJESUS ..... Puerto Rico
9—CARLOS GIMINEZ ..... Argentina
10—SAOUL MAMBY ..... Puerto Rico

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROBERTO DURAN* ..... Panama
1—ISHIMATSU SUZUKI** ..... Japan
2—VILOMAR FERNANDEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
3—RAY LAMPKIN† ..... Portland, Ore.
4—ANGEL MAYORAL ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
5—VICENTE SALDIVAR ..... Mexico
6—HECTOR MEDINA ..... Puerto Rico
7—BUZZSAW YAMABA ..... Japan
8—JEAN-BAPTISTE PIEDVACHE ..... France
9—RUDY HERNANDEZ ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—EDWIN VIRUET ..... Puerto Rico

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

BEN VILLAFLOR* ..... Philippines
1—TYRONE EVERETT† ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
2—ALFREDO ESCALERA** ..... Puerto Rico
3—RONNIE McGARVEY ..... Hillcrest Hgts., Md.
4—SAMUEL SERRANO ..... Puerto Rico
5—SVEN-ERIC PAULSEN ..... Norway
6—RAY LUNNY III ..... San Francisco, Calif.
7—APOLLO YOSHIO ..... Japan
8—KUNIAKI SHIBATA ..... Japan
9—WALTER SEELEY ..... New York, N.Y.
10—NORMAN GOINS ..... Indianapolis, Ind.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ALEXIS ARGUELLO* ..... Nicaragua
1—ART HAFEY ..... Canada
2—DAVID KOTEY POISON** ..... Ghana
3—DANNY LOPEZ† ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4—ELIO COTINA ..... Italy
5—LIONEL HERNANDEZ ..... Venezuela
6—SHIG FUKUYAMA ..... Japan
7—OCTAVIO GOMEZ ..... Mexico
8—RIGOBERTO RIASCO ..... Panama
9—ARNOLD TAYLOR ..... South Africa
10—RUBEN OLIVARES ..... Mexico

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ALFONSO ZAMORA* ..... Mexico
1—RODOLFO MARTINEZ** ..... Mexico
2—CARLOS ZARATE ..... Mexico
3—EUSEBIO PEDROZA ..... Panama
4—SOO HWAN HONG ..... South Korea
5—WILFREDO GOMEZ ..... Puerto Rico
6—PAUL FERRERI ..... Australia
7—PADDY MAGUIRE ..... Ireland
8—DANIEL TROULAIRE ..... France
9—ANDRES HERNANDEZ ..... Puerto Rico
10—LEO CRUZ ..... Dominican Rep.

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MIGUEL CANTO** ..... Mexico
1—BETULIO GONZALEZ ..... Venezuela
2—ALFONSO LOPEZ* ..... Panama
3—IGNACIO ESPINAL ..... Dominican Rep.
4—LUIS ESTABE ..... Venezuela
5—JAIME RIOS ..... Panama
6—ERBITO SALAVARRIA ..... Philippines
7—FRANCO SPERTI ..... Italy
8—ALBERTO MORALES ..... Mexico
9—PABLO JIMINEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
10—SHOJI OGUMA ..... Japan

MUHAMMAD ALI
FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHT KING Muhammad Ali won this month's award with his five round kayo over European Jean-Pierre Coopman in their bout held in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Not a great fight, but still an important contest which edges the other boxer in the running for the fighter of the month honor.

Runners-up Koichi Wajima, Japan, Alfredo Escalera, Puerto Rico, Vilomar Fernandez, Saoul Mamby, Vicente Medina and Len Hutchins.

Wajima was our no. 2 pick. He regained the world junior middleweight title for the third time. He kayoed South Korea's Jae Do Yuh in the 15th round of their contest in Japan. He is the only man to win this crown three times.

Puerto Rico's Alfredo Escalera retained his W.B.C. junior lightweight title with a 13 round TKO over a game but outgunned Jose Fernandez of the Dominican Rep. This bout was on the under-card of the Ali-Coopman affair. It saved the night.

Vilomar Fernandez, the brother of Jose, had better luck, as he upset the No-1 ranked lightweight from Portland, Oregon, Ray Lampkin. This was Lampkin's first tough contest since his long 10 month layoff due to the injuries incurred in his bout of March 1975 against lightweight king Roberto Duran.

Another upset on the same Madison Square Garden card as the Fernandez-Lampkin bout, was Puerto Rico's Saoul Mamby. He drew with the fifth ranked welterweight from New York, Harold Weston. Mamby, only a lightweight, gave away weight but not guts. Many at ringside felt he won.

Mobile Gene Wells, the no. 2 ranking junior middleweight, boxed a 10 round draw with Mexican Vicente Medina. Again many felt that Wells won, but the contest was held on Medina's home turf.

U.S. light heavyweight champion Len Hutchins boxed in South Africa and got a close 10 round nod over local Kosie Smith. Len had to get off the floor to win this tough contest.

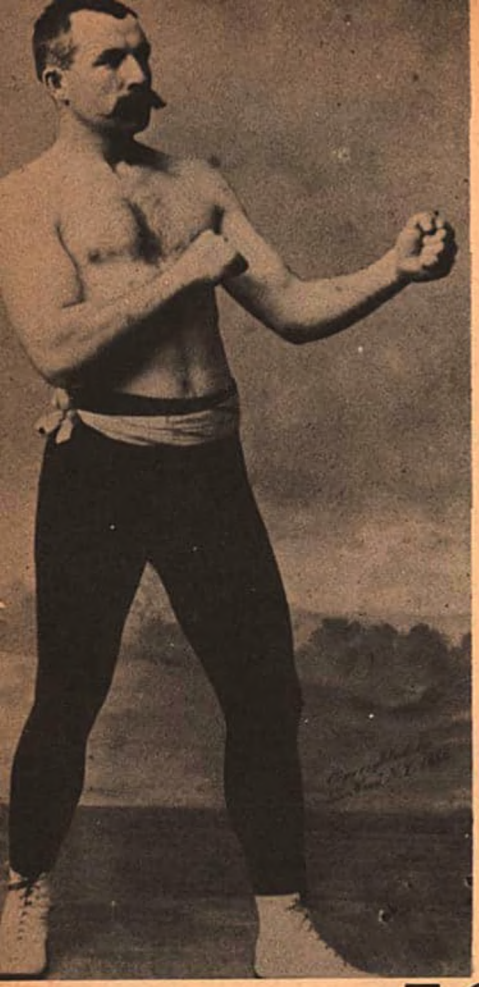
New face in the rankings this month: Matt Parlov, Yugoslavia.

Champions: *WBA **WBC †U.S.

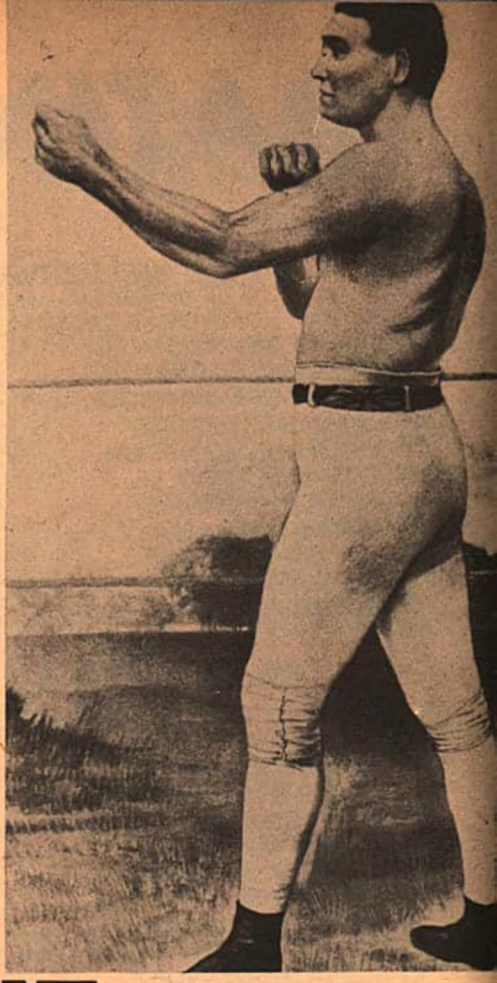
PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

NAMES	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Lou Esa Miami, Fla.	7/75	6	6	0	0	6
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Freddy DeKerpel Belgium	9/73	18	17	1	0	7
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Marcelo Quinones Peru	12/74	23	22	1	0	11
WELTERWEIGHT						
Daryl Penn Portland, Ore.	9/75	5	5	0	0	4

NAMES	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draw	KO's
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Daniel Levesque Canada	3/75	7	7	0	0	4
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Mario Ortiz Mexico	1/75	19	19	0	0	17
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Klever Viteri Ecuador	12/74	21	20	1	0	12
FLYWEIGHT						
Miguel Lazarte Argentina	2/75	15	14	1	0	5



John C. Heenan, left, of the United States, and Tom Sayers, right, of England, pose in familiar bare knuckles and tights photos typical of the saga of fight days long gone.



HEENAN-SAYERS 1860 FIGHT AROUSED CONTROVERSY

By DAN DANIEL

SINCE physical contention is the very essence of professional boxing, and debate is born of contention, it is hardly surprising that the ring game is loaded with controversy; good old red corpuscled controversy.

Some of these disputes go back more than 100 years and some were produced only yesterday.

The opportunity for controversy is so extensive in boxing because decisions used to be left universally to one man, the referee, and now they are dependent mostly on three, the third man in the ring and the side line judges.

Some of the controversies are traceable to the frequently encountered factor of human error. Some are the palpable results of dishonesty or suspected skullduggery.

Some are traceable to plain ordinary connivance, to a lack of effort, others to prearrangement and lack of desire.

In the series which this article inaugurates the writer would like to confine himself to such considerations as involved clean effort.

It is not the intention of the writer to look into Terry McGovern's second round KO of Joe Gans, which ring historians list as a downright fake.

It is not intended to investigate Benny Leonard's fouling Jack Britton, why Jake La Motta went into the tank against Billy Fox, or the Corbett-McCoy fiasco.

The first big controversy was an international affair, more than 100 years ago. It involved the heavyweight title fight between John C. Heenan, of the United States, and Tom Sayers, of England.

They met at Farnborough, England — outdoors, of course — on April 17, 1860, and after 37 rounds the battle went into the books as a draw.

That a gang of toughs from Birmingham broke up the ring and prevented continuance of hostilities, was one version.

British fans laid claim to victory. American red-hots were just as certain that Heenan had had the better of the fighting. The great Thackeray wrote about it as a draw, and a draw it was, with great credit to outweighed Sayers.

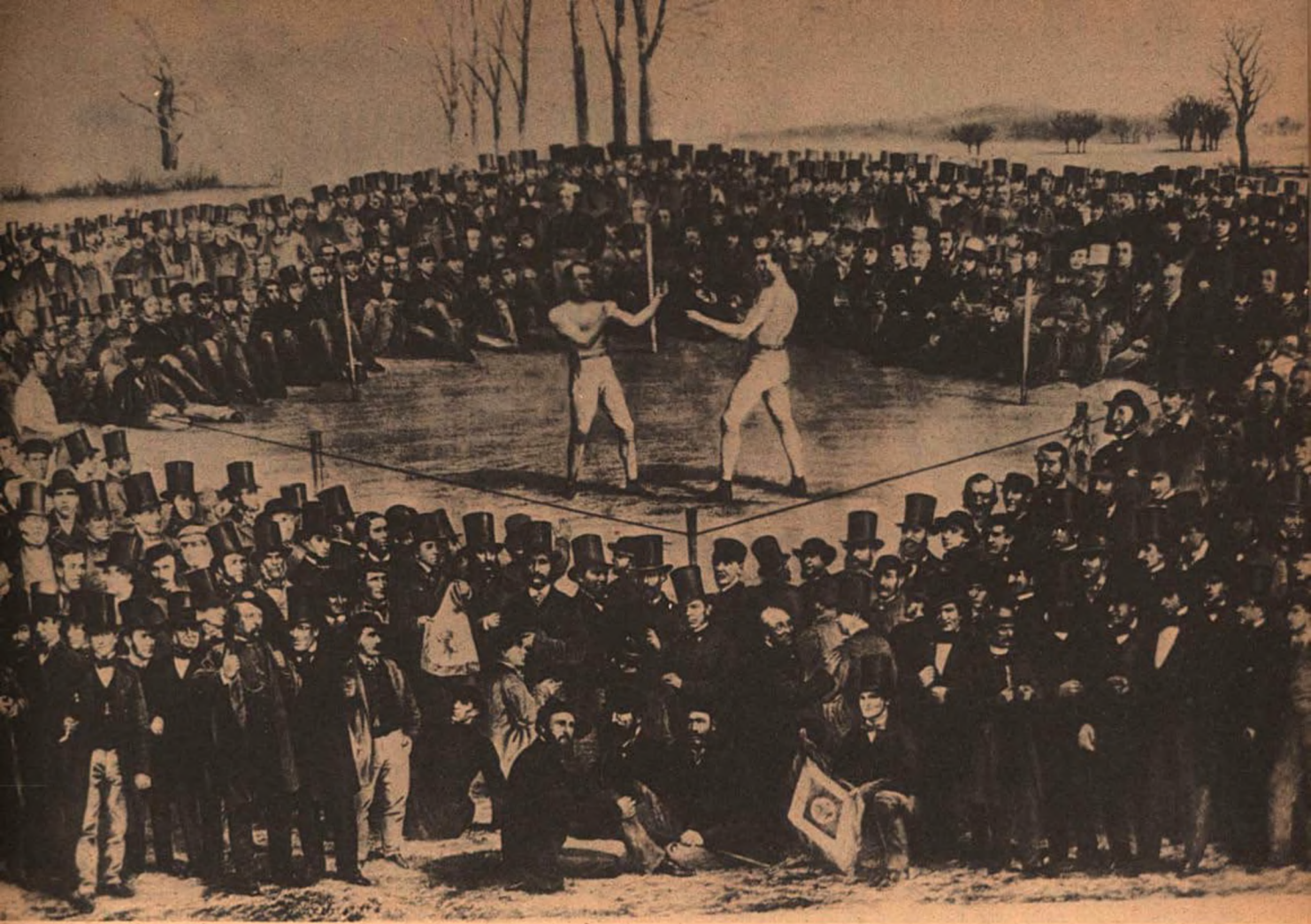
In the United States the North and the South were ready to go to war. Dixie's firing on Fort Sumter was as close as April 1861, and Bull Run was no farther off than July 1861.

But England was much more interested in Heenan and Sayers.

In Boston, a lot of fiery Irishmen issued a manifesto urging war on Britain because it allegedly had "robbed" Heenan.

The 112-year-old controversy concerns this question: — Had the fight gone on to a knockout conclusion — and it would have ended in a KO — would Heenan's greater weight and size have prevailed? Would Sayers' remarkable gameness and skill have won?

Reports of the fight printed in this country were obviously distorted. They gave Heenan much the better of it and made Sayers out to have been on the verge of a knockout when the ropes were



Heenan or Sayers? Who would have been the winner in a fight to a finish? Britain picks Sayers, the U.S. Heenan, boxing history chickens out with a big question mark.

torn down and the referee called it a draw.

Sayers called it quits after the Battle of Farnborough. Boxing fans of England chipped in an amazing $15,000 for a Sayers retirement fund and he lived out his years in comfort and peace. No such fund ever has been collected for an American fistic indomitable. Heavyweight champions are supposed to retire rich.

Sayers was beaten only once in his entire career. The great Nat Langham stopped Tom in 61 rounds in 1853.

Heenan and Tom King battled for 24 rounds in 1863. The Briton won by a KO and both fighters retired. John died at the age of only 38, in Wyoming, and was buried in St. Agnes Cemetery near Albany, N.Y.

King spent his closing years in luxury. He was reported to have amassed a fortune of $300,000.

Tom became a famous sculler and also figured prominently in British racing.

That Sayers was able to hold off Heenan for rounds, lasting 2 hours and 20 minutes, was an amazing feat, especially since he came out of the brawl in much the better shape.

Heenan was taken from the field to Osborne's Hotel in London, where he remained in bed for two days. His eyes were shut tight.

Sayers' gameness, fighting skill and heart were stressed not only by his performance, but the fact that he weighed only 152 pounds and stood a mere 5 feet 8½ inches in height.

As against these figures, we have Heenan's 195 pounds and his 6 feet 2 inches in height.

There was also a difference in ages. Sayers, born at Pimlico, England, in 1826, was 34. Heenan born at West Troy, N.Y., on May 2, 1833, was 27.

Heenan, known as the Benicia Boy, had established himself as the top heavyweight of the U.S., while Sayers unquestionably was the greatest fighter, weight disregarded, in Britain.

As yet the division of ring heroes into weight classes had not been achieved. Many of the greatest boxers in England fought, and defeated, opponents who were much heavier. Punch and courage were the paramount considerations. The scales were disregarded.

Many accounts of the fight give its length in rounds as 42. Many of the old reports say it went 37. In those bare knuckle days a round ended if either man hit the ground. The contemporary story consulted by the writer ended with round 37, and called it the last.

Nowhere is there any mention of the stake or a side bet, nowhere are we told what the fighters did about the money they had fought for. This even in England. In the U.S. they were talking about the certainty of war, a man named Lincoln, and a general named Lee.

Heenan and Sayers left Farnborough without rancor. They became very close friends, with the American extolling Tom as the gamest man alive. Could have been, too.

A story of the fight, round by round, would be rather monotonous. The style of fighting of the time was not conducive to dramatic entertainment in the reading. There was so much latitude in 1860 as regards wrestling and falling without actually having been hurt. Here is a sampling of rounds from among the 37 available:

Round 2—Heenan showed marks of Tom's handiwork on the back of his neck and Tom's forehead was flushed. Heenan kept to his corner, whither Tom went to draw him out; when he thought

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BILL ROSIN, RISING TRAINER, STRESSES CLEAR THINKING

By DAN DANIEL

Wrestling, rather than boxing, long has had a strong hold on American college athletes who seek careers in the professional ring. The wrestlers have produced great performers including Strangler Lewis from the University of Kentucky. The varsity fight contingent has given that game Steve Hamas of Penn State, who defeated Max Schmeling in a 12 round fight in Philadelphia before the German gained the heavyweight title.

Now comes Bill Rosin, a graduate of New York University with a bid for distinguished service in the fine art of training fighters.

In so far as is known, Rosin is the only man with a college degree who has adopted the profession of fistic training. Other trainers are veterans of the game who have been either competitors or workers with fighters. Rosin, however, never has been a pro fighter. He has had experience in preparing battlers of some note including George Chuvalo, champion of Canada, lately retired, Chuck Wepner, Charlie Polite, and Sonny Liston.

Of late Rosin has been working with younger fighters who have been working out at the West 30th Street Gym in New York, founded by the late Bobby Gleason.

Fight trainers, in general, work on the theory that if a contestant does not possess what is known as the Killer Instinct he presents serious problems.

Rosin believes that to be a successful competitor a fighter must be a thinker. Rosin explained, "I find that if a fighter enjoys the sport he has a lot of factors in his favor, where as if my charge does not like to fight he imposes on me an almost impossible task.

"In a successful fighter the Killer Instinct is basic. I can't give it to him. The right kind of fighter emphatically must have self-discipline and innate pride.

"To be a good fighter a man must develop certain essential skills, the most prominent of which is the jab. The science of boxing stems from that. Beyond jabbing the most important features are timing and balance. The feet and hands must work together.

"Each fighter has his own features. The most important item behind the Killer Instinct is conditioning. I cannot emphasize this too strongly.

"There never has been a truly great fighter who does not emphasize brain work. Let me cite an outstanding case in point, Muhammad Ali.

"A dumb fighter is no fighter. I cannot stress this too strongly.

"The Romans, long ago, had a very apt sentence, 'Mens sana in corpore sano.' In plain English, a great fighter must have a sound mind and a sound body.

"It is not very long after a fighter has become a competitor that he learns that once the bell rings he is out there all alone. During a fight a trainer must note what mistakes his man is making and what mistakes the opponent is making. This is really the most important duty for the captain of the corner.

"In more recent years the trainer finds strong demands for semi-medical skills. For example, cuts. He must be familiar with the various blood stoppers such as adrenaline and the simple cure of pressure with fingers. There are many old-time remedies still in use by some trainers which are often bad. It is important to realize that certain cuts cannot be stopped from bleeding."

A humane man, Rosin continued, "The trainer must be thoroughly aware of the fact that a fighter is a human being. I want to make this as emphatic as I possibly can. Do not, in any circumstances, let your fighter take a hopeless beating. Very often a trainer will rely too much on a referee to be the best judge. Sometimes the third man does not qualify for that point of judgement.

"After the fight in Manila, in which Joe Frazier was beaten by Ali in 14 rounds, there was wide-spread criticism of both Joe and Eddie Futch, his trainer, in Frazier's failure to last out the final 3 minutes. This criticism was both unjust and unfair. Frazier's trainer saw that Joe had given his all and could not continue. Whether Frazier could have gone on I doubt, because I give Eddie credit for being a great adviser. He saw that Frazier was through and could not defend himself any longer, so the fight was stopped."

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A college graduate who turned trainer for love of the sport of boxing, Bill Rosin, center, is surrounded by George Chuvalo, left, Jack Brami, and Chris Schenkel, right.

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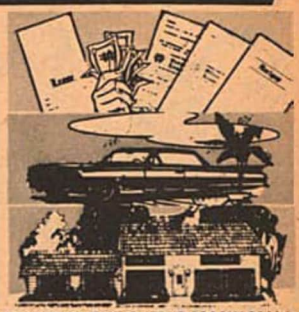

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I have learned (the hard way) that it is possible to create the "illusion" of great personal wealth quite easily in today's credit oriented economy. Notice now, that I have used the term "illusion"...for that is exactly what our entire capitalistic society is based upon.

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Among these ex-fighters who met in Las Vegas for a Cauliflower Alley Club meeting is Jackie Fields, in back row with glasses, a onetime welterweight great who fought Jimmy McLarnin and Young Corbett III.

FAMOUS EX-BOXERS IN CHIPS IN LAS VEGAS

By JESS HERNANDEZ

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — There's no mistaking the squashed nose, the quick sense of humor that characterizes former professional boxers. Right now the mecca for retired ex-pugs and former world champions is Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, where the action is in the gambling casinos. Dealing out the chips in the renowned desert spa are two of pugilisms top graduates in cauliflower alley, Paddy DeMarco and Joey Giambra. Both work the 21 dealers table in Caesars Palace where the action is brisk and fast. Paddy DeMarco is the onetime lightweight boxing king who last stepped inside the prize-ring in 1959. Giambra a middleweight contender quit boxing in the mid-60s. As a pair of fugitives from the ring sport, both DeMarco and Giambra experienced lean years and hard times following their retirement. Fortunately, when Las Vegas hit the boom years in the 60s, both ex-ring stars not only salvaged their financial plight but their unemployment worries were over. Today, the gambling casinos of Las Vegas employ such renowned former ring stalwarts like Joe Louis, Ralph Dupas, Billy Peacock and Jackie Fields.

Stocky, dark-haired Paddy DeMarco made quite a bankroll as lightweight champion in the 1950s. Working behind a blackjack table in Las Vegas, Paddy recalled his glory years in the ring. "I had to be in perfect shape to fight my style. That meant I had to train hard all the time and when I started getting lackadaisical, I knew it was time to quit," said Paddy. "I worried about my wife and kids and about getting hurt, because I wasn't ready to fight. And in spite of that worry, I kept goofing around, not training right. So in 1959, I just quit. There were some hard times after that, and I'm gonna write my story some day, and it'll start the night I lost the championship. Before that, I've heard it all. But what happened afterward, that's what I want to tell," added Paddy.

Most prominent among the many ex-boxers who work in Las Vegas is Joe Louis. Joe is the official greeter at Caesars Palace, where Paddy DeMarco and Joe Giambra deal blackjack. With Joe at the popular spa are Gorilla Jones, left and Lou Nova, on right with hat.

When DeMarco arrived in Las Vegas in the early 60s the only job available was washing glasses and sweeping floors! Luckily a pal named Mel Exbar gave Paddy a job while he learned to deal 21. Today, the onetime wonder boy of the lightweight division is

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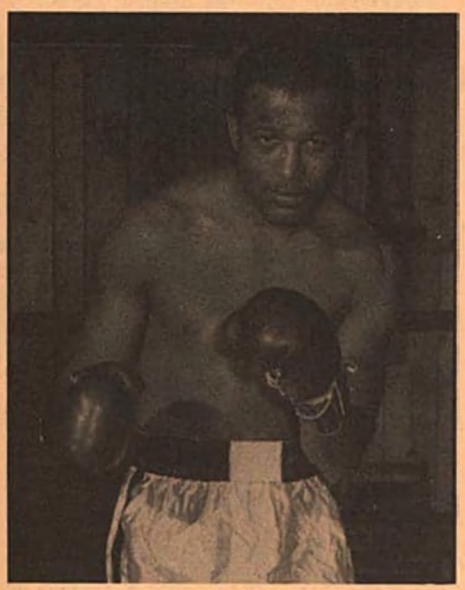
RING BOXING QUIZ

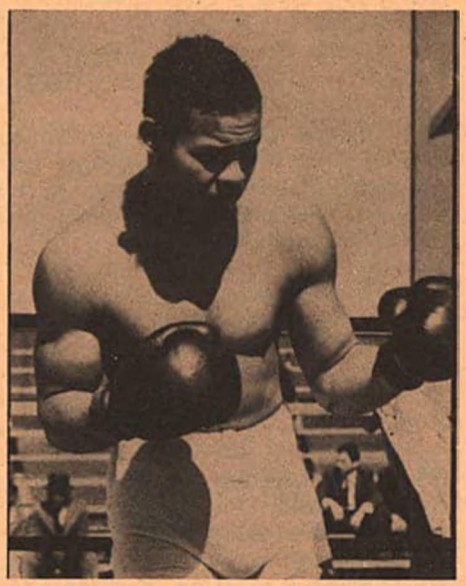
By MICHAEL SILVER

ARE you a world class fight buff, or just a flash in the pan. Test your knowledge in the following Ring Quiz. 10 right and you're a champ. Seven to nine right and you're a main eventer. Four to Six and you're a prelim kid. Less than four right-back to the gym.

1. Name the last foreigner to hold the heavyweight crown.
2. Known as the "Jewel of the Ghetto," this former star lightweight of the 1920's and early thirties later became one of America's outstanding referees.
3. Only two fighters have ever won both middleweight and light-heavyweight titles. Name them.
4. The great Tony Canzoneri's first attempt to win a world championship was a losing effort against what former bantamweight champion?
5. Which one of the following defeated Benny Leonard for the lightweight championship of the world? A. Johnny Dundee B. Jimmy Mclarnin C. Sammy Mandell D. Rocky Kansas E. none of the above.
6. Between 1940 and 1952 Ray Robinson lost only 3 of 132 fights. Name the men to defeat him.
7. What heavyweight champion won the title with the least number of fights?
8. What fighter has fought the most number of main events at Madison Square Garden?
9. Name the Boxer who portrayed Joe Louis in the 1952 film "The Joe Louis Story."



Ray Robinson, holder of the world welterweight and middleweight titles, holds the record for the largest number of KOs.



Joe Louis was heavyweight champion of the world from June 22, 1937 - March 1, 1949, when he announced his retirement, still undefeated.

10. Which one of these former champions did not participate in the Olympic Games? A. Jose Torres B. Davey Moore C. Pascal Perez D. Nino Benvenuti E. Ismael Laguna.

Alternate Questions

11. Who was known as the Durable Dane?
12. Name the shortest and the tallest heavyweight champions.
13. From whom did Henry Armstrong win the first of his three world titles?
14. Billy Petrolle, Harry Mathews, Vince Foster, and Boone Kirkman were managed by this colorful boxing personality.
15. Name the first black man to referee a world heavyweight title bout.
16. What boxer did Billy Conn beat to gain recognition as lightheavy champ?
17. What was Tex Rickaid's first championship fight promotion?

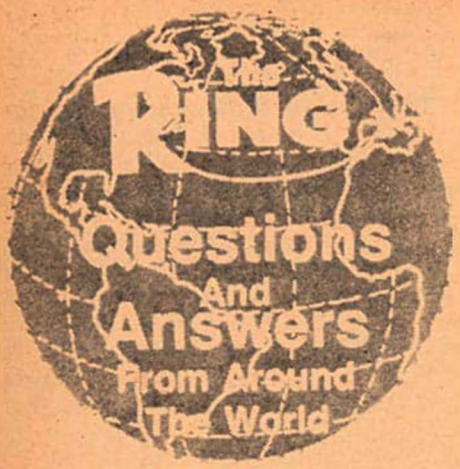
Fight Promoter Tex Rickard produced the first million dollar gate with the Dempsey-Carpentier fight.

Answers to Quiz

1. Ingemar Johansson.
2. Ruby Goldstein.
3. Bob Fitzsimmons and Dick Tiger.
4. Bud Taylor.
5. None of the above. Leonard retired as undefeated champion in 1925.
6. Jake LaMotta, Randy Turpin, and Joey Maxim.
7. Jim Jeffries — 12 fights.
8. Emile Griffith — 23.
9. Coley Wallace.
10. Ismael Laguna.

Alternates

11. Battling Nelson, lightweight champion 1908 to 1910.
12. Tommy Burns — 5′ 7″, and Jess Willard 6′ 6¼″.
13. Petey Sarron — featherweight title October 29, 1937.
14. Jack Hurley.
15. Jack Clayton — Jersey Joe Walcott vs. Ezzard Charles, Philadelphia, June 5, 1952.
16. Melio Bettina, July 13, 1939.
17. Joe Gans vs. Battling Nelson lightweight title fight September 3, 1906.



Q. How many fights did Gene Tunney have after his second victory over Dempsey?

Efrem H. Gold
Chicago, Illinois

A. Tunney had only one fight after the Chicago bout with Dempsey. He stopped Tom Heeney, of Australia, in New York, in 11 rounds and that was the grand finale. Tunney had only 76 fights altogether.

Q. What were the weights of Fitzsimmons and Burns in their championship condition?

Conger Hall
Sydney, Australia

A. Fitzsimmons weighed 172 pounds and Tommy tipped the beam at 179.

Q. Did we in England call Bugner a Hungarian fighter? No. He was listed as British. They why all the hullabaloo about Fitzsimmons being a British fighter and not American?

Luke Kelly
London, England

A. There is no real hullabaloo over Fitz, although we have received quite a few letters from readers in the British Isles.

Q. Bob Foster retired and then came back. I note that you list the light heavy title as open. How come, if Foster is in the ring again?

John J. Hredericks
Los Angeles, California

A. A champion who retires no longer is champion. As a result, Foster no longer is champion and the title is vacant.

Q. Was Stan Ketchel ever beaten?

John Faley
Grand Rapids, Michigan

A. Yes. He was stripped in 12 rounds by Billy Papke.

Q. There is a tradition in our family that we had a champion in it, many years. Was there a Rook in boxing long ago?

Frank T. Rook
Toronto, Canada

A. There was a George Rooke around Civil War Times and he was American middleweight champion. He had only seven fights and retired after one defeat in his class.

Q. Do you believe that Benny Leonard could have gone 40 rounds the way Wolgast did when he stopped Battling Nelson?

Tully McCormick
Butte, Montana

A. When Leonard was champion the distance was 15 rounds and lightweights paced themselves for 45 minutes of fighting. When Wolgast and Nelson were fighting, the distance was, quite often, 45 rounds. To compare the champions of the two eras is fruitless.

Q. If Corbett was so great why did he let old man Sullivan go 21 rounds against him in New Orleans?

Barney Rote (age 13)
Boston, Massachusetts

A. Sullivan must have been better than we think he was. Or Corbett was not as good as we rate him. Corbett lost the title in his first defense against Fitzsimmons in 14 rounds.

Q. Could Les Darcy have beaten Stan Ketchel in a fight limited to 15 rounds?

Rah Fay Stevens
Melbourne, Australia

A. Frankly, I do not know. I never saw them fight, and I do not have any idea how good Darcy really was. Our Aussie friends think he would have taken Stan, and maybe they are right. Maybe wrong.

Q. What does THE RING know about a Corbett fake with McCoy? Was there any such thing? Was there a Gans —McGovern fake?

Mike Grannan
Albany, N.Y.

A. There was talk of a Corbett-McCoy event of question, but I would not charge Jim with a fake on the evidence. The Gans-McGovern thing in Chicago was a fake, without any question. It killed boxing in Chicago for a generation.

Q. In March 1942 in New York, for the Army Relief Fund, Joe Louis kayoed Abe Simon. In what round?

Bill Coyle
New York, N.Y.

A. Joe stopped Simon in six rounds.

Q. Wanted, for Fred Apostoli, date of birth and date of ring debut.

Phil Kronik
San Francisco, California

A. Apostoli was born on February 2, 1914. Pro debut, April 1, 1935, stopped by Fred Steele.

Q. I write occasional pieces for magazines and would like to join the New York Boxing Writers Association. Would they take me in? To whom do I apply?

Harry Emanon
Boston, Massachusetts

A. Write to Bill Gallo at the New York News. I think they would let you join.

Q. When Gene Tunney recently was approached for an interview he was quoted as having said that he no longer was interested in boxing. Do you think that this was the right thing for him to say?

Alex Kraile
London, England

A. If Tunney no longer is interested in boxing it was an honest reply, and must be accepted for its honesty. Dempsey, too, has become apathetic toward boxing. I would say that Gene and Jack do not like the way the heavyweight title has been handled.

Q. Have we had any really good ball players among the good fighters? Was Billy Martin, the new manager of the Yankees, a fighter?

Ron Casey
Brooklyn, N.Y.C.

A. John L. Sullivan and Terry McGovern were good ball players. Martin was an amateur boxer.

Q. Honest rating, now, do you really think that Ali is no better than ninth in the all time rating, as THE RING all time vote insists he is? I think he is the greatest heavyweight who ever fought.

Lloyd Clay
Memphis, Tennessee

A. Ali is one of the greatest heavies we have had. I never saw Johnson or Jeffries, but Ali could not have beaten Dempsey the way Jack mauled Willard.

About Trainer Torres

A forgotten hero of Puerto Rico's history in pugilism has just cornered me to clarify some misunderstood areas of his boxing career. His name is Jose "Cheo" Aponte Torres who at the present time acts as trainer and second of junior lightweight titleholder Alfredo Escalera as well as ranked welter Nick Ortiz and junior lightweight contender Ben Ortiz. "Cheo" was the first Puerto Rican to win an Olympic gold medal in boxing back in 1938. This event was held in Panama. As a pro he beat some pretty tough hombre's. Listed among his victims were Cuban contender Humberto Sierra and Mexico's Jose "Pulga" Herrera.

But what is Aponte Torres' big kick? "Look, if I were fighting now I would have been a champion. Puerto Ricans now get the brakes, but in my times they always got the raw end of the deal because we were a minority" he concluded.

He signals out the match he had with will-of-the wisp Willie Pep. "I floored Willie twice for nine counts in a ten-rounder in St. Louis, but he was favored with the decision" recalls "Cheo". This bout took place in 1946 when Willie was featherweight champion with only one loss in over 100 bouts. Aponte Torres lost another dubious decision in St. Louis against another feather title holder, Phil Terranova. "But I had fought two draws with him previous to that in Phil's own back yard (New York City)" added Torres.

An avid RING reader, he also wanted to clarify that although he is listed in *The Ring Record Book* as having fought twice with Sandy Saddler in 1944, he never fought with this great champion. "It would have been an honor to have fought with him but his opponent was a guy that had a similar name to mine by name of Joe Torrens," he stated.

Mario Rivera Martino
San Juan, P.R.

Against Gals Fighting in California

The Los Angeles Times recently had a story from Sacramento that the California Athletic Commission had removed bars against women fighting in the state.

There are few woman boxers and there will be few fights between the gals. There is no demand for feminine boxing in California, or, in fact, in any other state in the union.

I am sure that feminine boxing will not get the support of the New York Commission and that Jim Farley's son will not vote for the mess.

Female fights will die before they gain any widespread existence.

Let fighting women pull each others' hair and refrain from marring each others' beauty.

I am surprised that the California Commission removed the bars against feminine brawls. There isn't a gal boxer in this country who is qualified to fight professionally.

Hank Vernon
Yonkers, N.Y.

Where was Harry Hill's

In post Civil War days, or nights, the boxing centre in New York was Harry Hill's hall.

At Harry's there were fights, there were dances, there was singing. It was a place of jollity and every kind.

I am writing a history of boxing in New York, I cannot find where Hill's place was located.

Newspapers of the time refer to Harry's as being on Houston Street but where on Houston Street?

Does any reader of THE RING have any data which locates Hill's place?

Jerry Desmond
New York, N.Y.

Mexicans claim foul

I just have returned from Mexico City where I found the fight fans in mourning and claiming a foul in the Stracey fight. Napoles started the yammer by announcing that he had been hit low and now the fans have taken up the crusade and are demanding a rematch. Napoles was not in shape against Stracey and he would not be in condition if they met again. Napoles, once an all time great, now is over the hill. He has gone down, far down. He would not do any better against Stracey if they met again. Senor Napoles is a sad example. Very sad.

Juan Delgado
San Antonio, Tex.

Wants Cervantes in New York

I have read nothing but praise for junior welter Antonio Cervantes, as one of the best fighters of the decade. Why isn't Cervantes brought into the Garden in New York, against a worthy opponent? Our fans are fed on Muhammad Ali. Let us have some of the splendid fighters who are showing in classes under light heavy. Matchmaking has gone to hell.

Mike Henriquez
Weehawken, N.J.

Liston one of the Best

I have been watching fights for fifty years. I know fighters and why they are great and why they are duds.

I examine the Top Ten heavies and I give myself a laugh.

Not one place among the ten for Sonny Liston, one of the greatest punchers who ever lived. Liston, one of the greatest fighters in the history of the game. Liston, ignored.

I want to protest against Liston being left out of the top five, not merely the top ten. I believe that Liston would have stopped Ali, Marciano, and a lot of the other supposed wonders.

I am not writing this to play up Liston as a citizen. Liston merely as a heavyweight champion. The Liston story never will be written or told.

Haley Carson Wilkes
Philadelphia, Pa.

Boxing and the 200th anniversary

This year of 1976 marks the 200th anniversary of these United States, which date from July 4, 1776.

Boxing should have its place in the celebration.

Boxing had its place in American sport in 1776, but not in the North. There were fights in South Carolina and in New Orleans. Negro slaves had fights on Southern plantations.

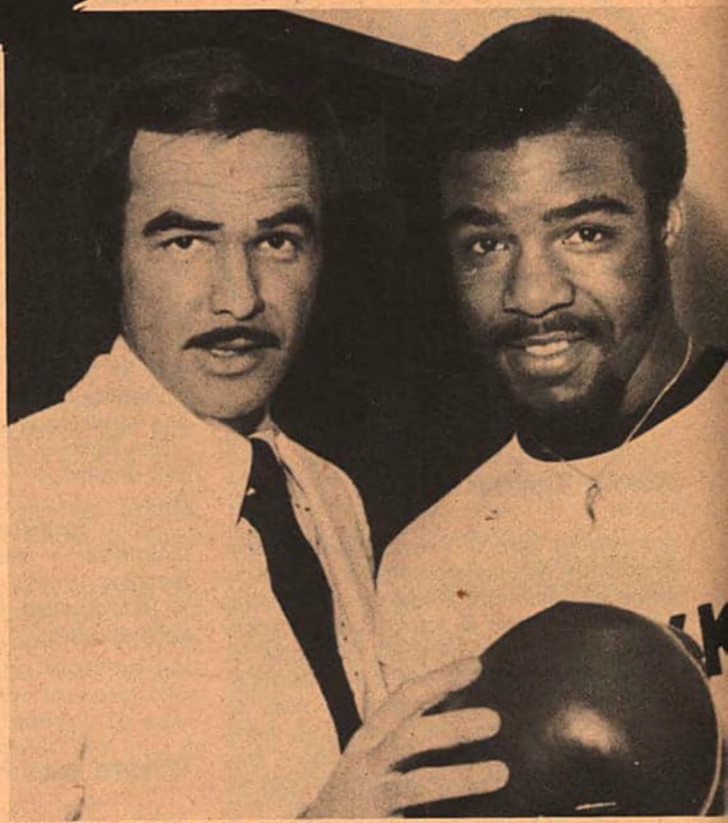
There was boxing in the North 100 years ago.

The game's participation in the 200th anniversary is planned but nothing definite has, at this writing, been decided.

It is reported that there will be an Ali fight. If it takes place it should be held in New York in the Garden. Philadelphia and Washington have been mentioned, but they do not qualify.

Terence Quill
Newark, N.J.

the RING camera clicks



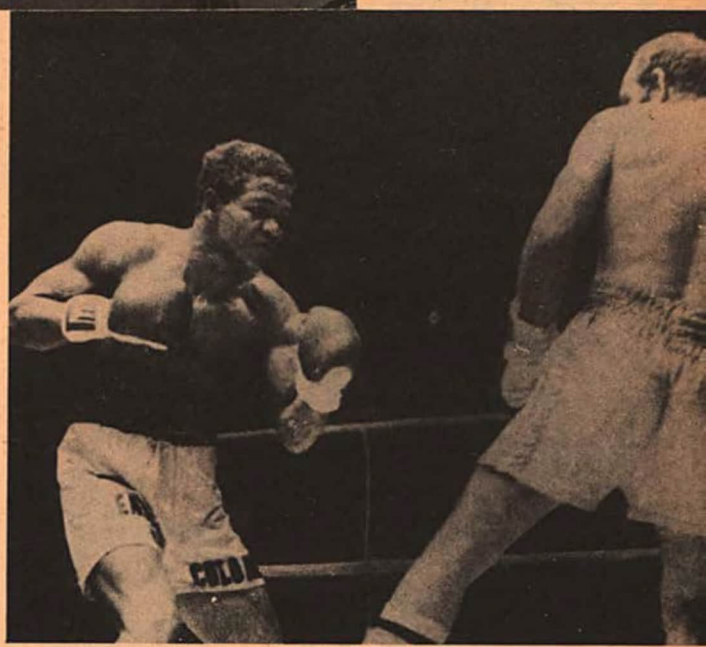
Actor Burt Reynolds, left, poses with welterweight boxer Andy "The Hawk" Price after a workout in Los Angeles. Reynolds and fellow actor Lee Majors are the new co-managers for the boxer.

Among those honored at the New Jersey Sports Writers Association awards dinner were Penn State football player Greg Buttles, left, San Francisco Giants pitcher John Montefusco, center, and state heavyweight boxing champion Chuck Wepner.

Prior to Tyrnoe Phelps's bout with Lloyd Richardson, Tyrnoe and Estelle Lee were married in the ring at Gannon Auditorium. The fight was a thriller which Phelps won by unanimos decision. Fellow boxer Lou Bizzarro was best man.

Ex-lightweight champ Nick Castiglione, second from left, accepts tributes in his honor from Chicago friends, from left to right: Tony Zale, former middleweight champ, Edmund L. Kelly, superintendent of the Chicago Park District, and Davey Day, former lightweight contender.

Ex-Jr. welterweight champ Nicolino Locche is off balance from a punch thrown by Emiliano Villa in their Buenos Aires bout.



In what was Connecticut's first pro women's bout, Marian "Tyger" Trimer, New York, is seen bouncing a wide right off Gwen Gemini, Springfield, in the fourth round of their Waterbury, Connecticut match.

RING MAGAZINE's editor and publisher Nat Loubet poses with Sam Taub, of THE RING, and columnist Bill Gallo, of THE NEW YORK DAILY NEWS, in the Boxing Hall of Fame.

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GEORGE FOREMAN SPEAKS UP

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tion. Somehow, I celebrated from inside.

I wish I was nervous about getting into the ring before a fight. I have to keep telling myself, "Hey, you're in the ring. You're fixin' to fight." It's a job to keep telling yourself, "You're in the ring. You're in the ring."

I think if I were to experience a little nervousness or a little fright it would help me a lot. These days I go into the ring and I don't feel any of that, so I'm constantly trying to tell myself, "You're in the ring, this is a fight, this is for real, this is for real, this is for real."

I have a heckuva time getting myself psyched up. In the Ali fight I was very overconfident. I'm still overconfident. I never used to look into the crowd before a fight to acknowledge people. I used to go into the ring tight and nervous. And I'd watch this sucker. He was going to put me through all this pain. He was going to try to hit me on my nose. Try and hit me in my stomach.

If the guy would swing at me and miss, I'd be all over him. Boom, boom, boom. I'd be on him trying to push him out of the ring. Anything.

Overconfidence is really a problem.

When I fight for the title again I hope the other guy is a 3 to 1 favorite.

The experts who said I was going to kill Muhammad when I fought him before (and when I didn't,) said I wasn't worth a damn. They suffered from overconfidence, too. I understand why they were overconfident, and I understood their reactions after the fight. "George is not this. George is not that."

A lot of times I read certain things about Muhammad where all you'd have to do is to remove his name from the story and put in George Foreman and it would be the same stories they were writing about me when I was champion.

I think it will work out in the end that they'll give him the same thing they gave me. Overconfidence.

He'll have what I had; a silly idea that he's indestructible.

I need boxing more than it needs me.

Boxing gives me a drive, a reason to get up. Nothing else does that. When I worked a week on a "Sanford and Son" show recently, the reason I went to bed at a certain hour was because I knew I had to get up to do roadwork. I had to tell myself that I had to run to keep myself in shape for the next fight, not the TV thing. It was because I had to get up to run that gave me purpose.

Boxing gives me something to live for. It creates that burning sensation that you've gotta win, you gotta get yourself ready for training, you gotta have sparring partners come in, you gotta be careful 'cause they could knock your head off, you gotta bend down, you gotta watch his right hand, you gotta get some advice from the corner.

BALBOA HOSTS AMATEUR CLUBS

By DAVID N. MARKS

The Balboa YMCA hosted a card of twelve amateur matches, featuring boxers from various clubs in Panama City, P.A.F. (U.S. Army) installations in the Canal Zone and the YMCA boxing team.

A highlight of the evening's festivities was the appearance at ringside of W.B.A. Lightweight Champion Roberto Duran, along with his manager Don Carlos Eleta. His Excellency Mordecai Arbell, Israel's Ambassador to Panama, and the Honorable Guthrie F. Crowe, U.S. District Judge for the Canal Zone, were honored guests. A special award, in recognition and appreciation for over thirty years of volunteer service to the Balboa YMCA and Canal Zone amateur athletics, was presented to Lou Sigliani by Judge Crowe and Roberto Duran.

The results were as follows:

100 lbs.—Jose Mendoza (YMCA) dec. Alex Barrios (Club Maranon).

100 lbs.—Crecencio Figueroa (Club Cincuentenario) dec. Marcial Bonilla (YMCA).

106 lbs.—Hermogenes Murillo (YMCA) dec. Jose Rojas (Club Cincuentenario).

119 lbs.—Antonio Izasa (Club Cincuentenario) stopped Jaime Barrios (Club Panama), 1st round.

119 lbs.—Enrique Ortega (YMCA) stopped Robert Deleon (P.A.F.), 3rd rounds.

126 lbs.—Audberto Bernal (Club Cincuentenario) won by disqualification over Mario Braithwaite (YMCA), 3rd round.

132 lbs.—Felix Harrison (Club Cincuentenario) dec. Ray Johnson (P.A.F.)

132 lbs.—Francisco Perez (YMCA) dec. Aguelino Rivera (Club Panama).

139 lbs.—Eduardo Starrett (YMCA) stopped Eufemio Robinson (Club Maranon), 3rd round.

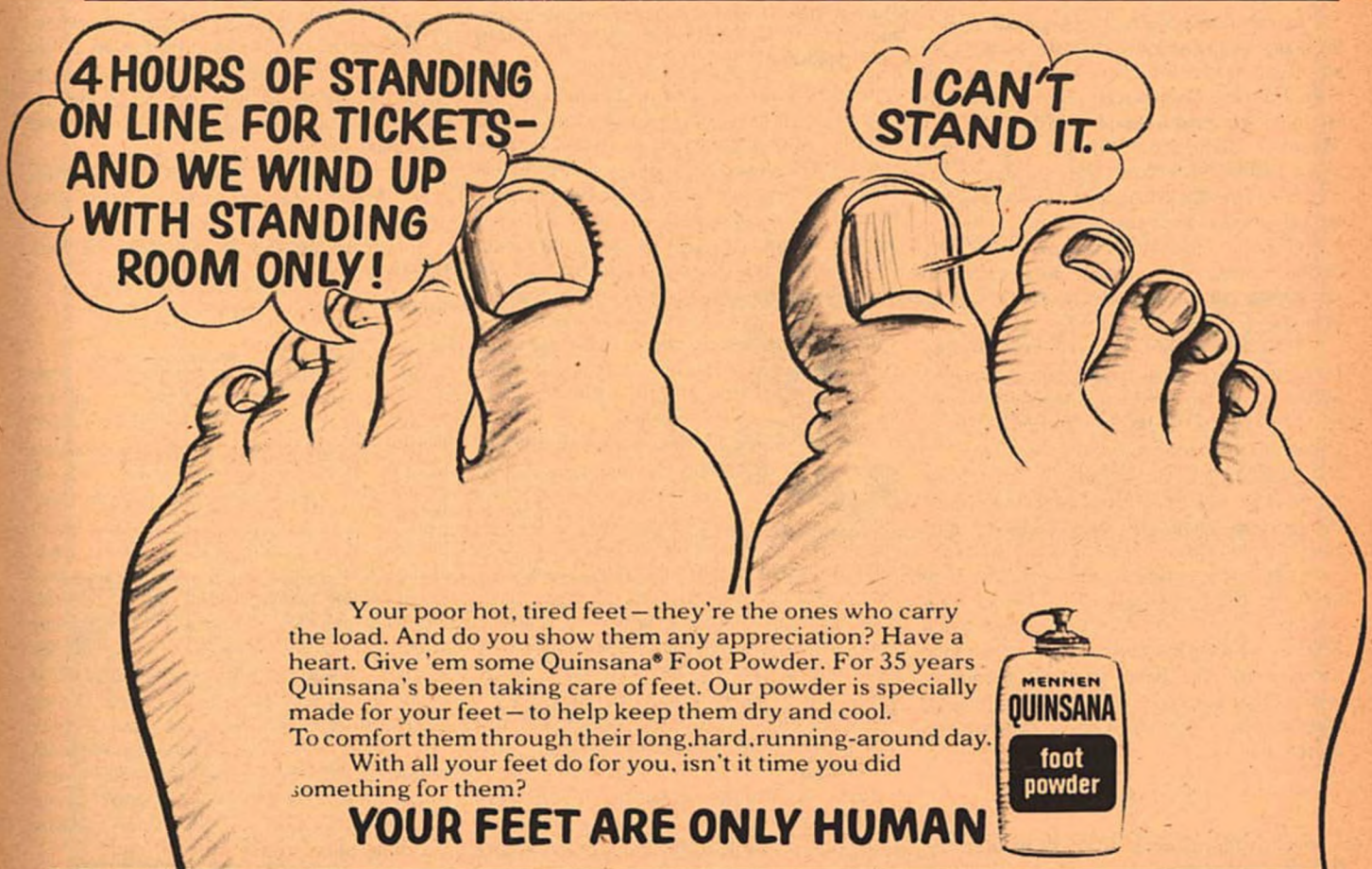
147 lbs.—Roque Rodriguez (Club Maranon) won by disqualification over Ezra Hensley (YMCA), 3rd round.

156 lbs.—Lonnie Benton (P.A.F.) stopped Ernesto Jordan (Rio Abajo), 1st round.

156 lbs.—Emilio Amantine (YMCA) stopped Michael Clark (P.A.F.), 1st round.

Trophies were awarded by Judge Crowe to the winner of the best bout of the evening, Hermogenes Murillo (YMCA), and to the outstanding boxer of the evening, Francisco Perez (YMCA).

Referees, judges and other ring officials were provided on this occasion by the Liga Distritorial de Boxeo Aficionado de Panama, and the bilingual ring announcing duties were colorfully and capably handled by Mr. Larry Wolf and Mr. Frank De Abate.



UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

UP and down Broadway, in lieu of local quietness, is bringing plenty of gossip from veterans of boxing from here to California. Latest report we received at the time of this writing was a long letter from the former boxer from Cleveland and later a referee, Lou Jallos, who is now residing in Farmington, Michigan. Lou was in Los Angeles and penned us gossip he figured our readers would like to hear. The Jallos story:

"Was in Los Angeles to visit my sick brother, who is now O.K. While there with my wife, we visited an old friend from the theatrical world who was quite a fight enthusiast in the Roaring Twenties, Mae West. Visited her in her Los Angeles apartment and had dinner at Diamond Jim's. From there we went to her Santa Monica home, a big layout with 22 rooms. I have known her for 46 years and she is now 82. Mae's father was a boxer years ago.

"In my hotel lobby I bumped into Bill Wallace, a top lightweight in the 1930's. He was fighting out of Cleveland just when I started to box. Hadn't seen him for 33 years. He looks trim and in good condition. Billy is 75 now, weighs about 140 and lives in Beverly Hills." (Footnote: We broadcast Billy's fights in Cleveland and saw him when he was in New York for a spell.)

"Gorilla Jones, claimant of the middleweight crown in the 30's, called to say hello. Hadn't seen Willie for 35 years. Where did all these years go?

"I heard rumors in L.A. that Jimmy McLarnin, two time welter king, managed by the late "Pop" Foster, a wonderful man, may be the new boxing commissioner. Couldn't be a better selection.

"Heard from George Zaharias through his nurse, from Tampa, Florida. George, husband of the greatest women athlete we ever had, the late Babe Diedrickson, who has been ill. His many friends would like to know he is improving and is able to walk with help. Can't take too many steps, but it is better than he has been doing." (Footnote: Zaharias and the Babe were our friends as well as that of our late boss, RING founder, Nat Fleischer. In his own right, Zaharias was a great wrestler.)

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Most of the old timers are away from the Broadway beat, only Harry Stickevers, well known manager of Paddy Young and Joe Miceli and first man to look after former light-heavyweight boss, Bob Foster, remaining on the scene. He's living at the Forest Hotel on West 49th St. Billy Brown, one-time Garden matchmaker, has a ticket agency around the corner from the hotel Taft, and Jack Barrett, another former matchmaker for the house that Tex Rickard built, is a bit off the beat, being associated with Alex Koskowitz, whose last fistic prospect was Doug Jones, who lost a split duke to Cassius Clay in the 8th Avenue sportdrome.

Rumor has it that ex-welterweight champion Jimmy McLarnin may become boxing commissioner.

There's quite a history in back of Barrett. As we said, Jack, who was one time matchmaker for the Garden, also booked the shows for the St. Nicholas Arena, Buffalo Auditorium, New Haven Arena, as well as the Queensboro Arena, in Long Island City. Jack was a newsboy first, then a boxer, later a manager and then a matchmaker and had many friends. He sold newspapers when they were 60¢ a hundred and sold for a penny apiece. Then $1.40 a hundred and sold for two cents each. As a boxer, Barrett weighed 118 pounds, the late Benny Seaman being his manager.

Jack was around in boxing in the days when Tami Mauriello was going places. In those days Frank Sinatra, popular young singer, was around with Bronx gladiator. Barrett told Trainer Al Silvani to keep Mauriello away from Sinatra when Silvani replied, "Sonatra will be bigger than the President some day. Three months later Sinatra opened at the Paramount with thousands of youngsters clamoring to get in to see the new singing star.

That was the commencer. Tami and Frank continued to be close friends and Trainer Silvani was looking after the Jerseyman keeping him in good condition.

Speaking of Jack Barrett, while he was manager of fighters, he handled Harry Balsamo, the belting brakeman, Al Roth, a small Max Baer, Marty Sampson, a good middleweight fighter from Harlem, and Chester Rico, popular lightweight gladiator from the Bronx. Speaking of Rico, Barrett remembers trying to get Bill Veeck, associated with baseball, to stay in boxing as a promoter. Veeck did run a couple of shows in Milwaukee with Chester Rico as the headliner. Then Veeck joined the Marines, where he suffered a severe injury, losing one of his legs, if memory serves us right. Jack said he contacted Veeck when he got out of the service but learned that Veeck had bought the Cleveland Indians.

Jack and his wife Bertha have three children, Mike, Maxine and Lynn and five grandchildren.

Footnote: Boxing would welcome Jack Barrett on the fight scene again.

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Boxing lost a wonderful man in the sudden passing of Mickey Oliver, monicker Oliveri, age 66, who boxed as a welterweight and middleweight, who collapsed at a meeting of Paul Berlenbach's Ring #21. It was a terrific shock to the members in attendance and also to his many friends. Up to the time of his passing, Oliver, always ready to do favors for anyone in boxing, was a grand human being. He left his wife Tessie, hiw own family, his mother-in-law and many other relatives. Nothing was too much for Mickey to do for a friend, and he did us many favors even escorting us to the Nassau Coliseum the terrific night the Bobick brothers were the headliners so we could cover our RING assignment. Mickey was a pillar in Ring #21, and members of our many rings around New York and elsewhere will miss him.

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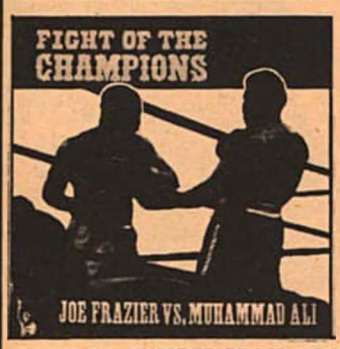

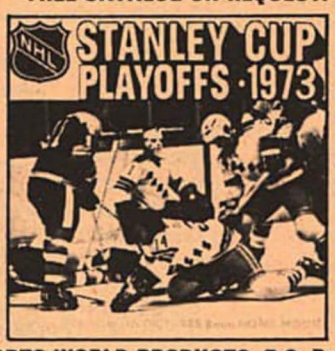

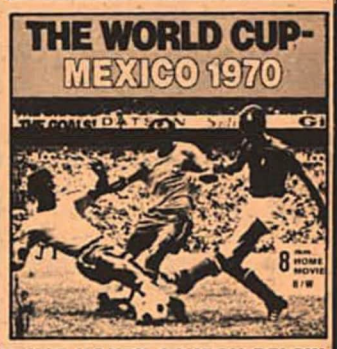

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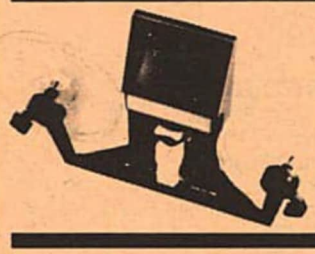

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3—Bobby Cassidy, New York, N.Y.
4—Alvaro Lopez, Stockton, Calif.
5—Jessie Burnett, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Ray Anderson, Akron, Ohio
7—Bill Douglas, Akron, Ohio
8—Ray Elson, New York, N.Y.
9—Chris Elliott, Paterson, N.J.
10—Mike Quarry, Orlando, Fla.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

*Tony Licata, New Orleans, La.
1—Willie Monroe, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—George Cooper, Oakland, Calif.
3—Bobby Watts, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Bennie Briscoe, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Eugene Hart, Philadelphia, Pa.
6—Mike Colbert, Portland, Ore.
7—Emile Griffith, New York, N.Y.
8—Rico Hoye, Detroit, Mich.
9—Marvin Hagler, Brockton, Mass.
10—Rudy Robles, Los Angeles, Calif.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

*Mike Baker, Hillcrest Hgts., Md.
1—Gene Wells, Mobile, Ala.
2—Perry Abner, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Leo Saenz, Baltimore, Md.
4—Ray Seales, Tacoma, Wash.
5—Sammy NeSmith, Indianapolis, Ind.
6—Tony Gardner, Oklahoma City, Okla.
7—Ralph Palladin, Baltimore, Md.
8—Ike Shipman, Denver, Colo.
9—Wayne Beale, Las Vegas, Nev.
10—Billy Backus, Syracuse, N.Y.

WELTERWEIGHTS

*Armando Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
1—Angel Espada, Puerto Rico
2—Pete Ranzany, Sacramento, Calif.
3—Harold Weston, New York, N.Y.
4—Carlos Palomino, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Johnny Gant, Washington, D.C.
6—Hedgemon Lewis, Detroit, Mich.
7—Wilfredo Benitez, Puerto Rico
8—Kevin Morgan, Las Vegas, Nev.
9—Keith Averett, Akron, Ohio
10—Andy Price, Los Angeles, Calif.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

*Adolph Viruet, Puerto Rico
1—Monroe Brooks, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Lou Bizzarro, Erie, Pa.
3—Saoul Mamby, Puerto Rico
4—Esteban DeJesus, Puerto Rico
5—Tim Walker, Washington, D.C.
6—Jimmy Heair, San Diego, Calif.
7—Dale Hernandez, Omaha, Nebr.
8—Tony Petronelli, Brockton, Mass.
9—Al Franklin, Minneapolis, Minn.
10—Miguel Barreto, Puerto Rico

LIGHTWEIGHTS

*Ray Lampkin, Portland, Ore.
1—Angel Mayorel, Las Vegas, Nev.
2—Hector Medina, Puerto Rico
3—Rudy Hernandez, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Edwin Viruet, Puerto Rico
5—Termite Watkins, Houston, Texas
6—Bobby Chacon, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Randy Shields, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—John Copeland, Springfield, Mo.
9—Bob Richards, Hillcrest Hgts., Md.
10—Hilbert Stevenson, Winston-Salem, N.C.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

*Tyrone Everett, Philadelphia, Pa.
1—Alfredo Escalera, Puerto Rico
2—Ronnie McGarvey, Hillcrest Hgts., Md.
3—Samuel Serrano, Puerto Rico
4—Ray Lunny III, San Francisco, Calif.
5—Walter Seeley, New York, N.Y.
6—Norman Goins, Indianapolis, Ind.
7—Rudy Ortiz, Puerto Rico
8—Dom Monaco, Brooklyn, N.Y.
9—Ben Ortiz, Puerto Rico
10—Robert Quintanilla, Galveston, Texas

FEATHERWEIGHTS

*Danny Lopez, Los Angeles, Calif.
1—Jerome Artis, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Warren Matthews, New Orleans, La.
3—Santos Luis Rivera, Puerto Rico
4—Manuel Lujan, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Diego Martinez, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Kenny Weldron, Houston, Texas
7—Beto Nunez, Phoenix, Ariz.
8—Tommy Rose, Sherborn, Mass.
9—Reuben Castillo, Phoenix, Ariz.
10—Jimmy Lopez, Salem, N.H.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

*Francisco Villegas, Puerto Rico
1—Wilfredo Gomez, Puerto Rico
2—Andres Hernandez, Puerto Rico
3—Frank Duarte, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Raul Rosette, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Sean O'Grady, Oklahoma City, Okla.
6—Bobby Lee Hunter, Denver, Colo.
7—Baby Kid Chocolate, Philadelphia, Pa.
8—Artemio Jeronino, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—David Vasquez, Puerto Rico
10—Frank Estrada, Los Angeles, Calif.

FLYWEIGHTS

*Willie Jenson, Las Vegas, Nev.
1—Alberto Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Tony Rocha, San Antonio, Texas
3—Al Sandoval, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Salvatore Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Alfonso Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Mel Johnson, Clovis, N.M.
7—Bobby Holderfield, Little Rock, Ark.
8—Rocky Garcia, San Antonio, Texas
9—Erasmo Flores, San Antonio, Texas
10—Paul Kalli, Philadelphia, Pa.

*Champion

RINGSIDE WITH "Sailor" Don Sauer

By DON SAUER

Jr. Middleweight Mike Baker has recently been purchased from Chris Cline by Edward Bennett Williams and George Allen, of the Washington Redskins.

ONE of the few remaining "grand old men" of boxing is Willie Gilzenberg, whose business office is in Newark, N.J. Willie was once the manager of world welterweight champion, Freddie "Red" Cochrane. The only real home that Willie has had since August 1, 1957, is in South Miami, Florida, but Gilzenberg remains "up north" through the hard winters promoting his wrestling shows at Madison Square Garden. His last show sold out a week prior to the card, and he opened up the Felt Forum downstairs to closed-circuit, which meant about 4,000 additional people, a total of 26,000 wrestling fans in both buildings!! The annual Chic Feldman (a Scranton, Pa. boxing writer who died of a heart attack attending a fight in N.Y.C.) Foundation boxing show held in Scranton, Pa., is another of Gilzenberg's endeavors. There is approximately $25,000 in the Fund, give or take a few dollars. Willie Gilzenberg started this with a $500 donation out of his own pocket then collected $1,200 more to get it off of the ground. . .At the tender age of 74 Willie still keeps punching—looking for another champion—and looking for attractive matches to sell to the fans. . .there aren't many left like him. . .Edward Bennett Williams and George Allen, of the Washington Redskins, purchased Mike Baker from Chris Cline. It was Baker who campaigned around the country as the U.S. Jr. middleweight champion. Maybe Allen figures he can bring Baker along as he has the Redskins over the years. Former heavyweight contender Joe Baksi is fighting his biggest battle ever—with cancer. Joe, now 55 years old, boxed for 12 years, 1939 to 1951. He had the distinction of never being knocked off of his feet, boxing the top heavyweights of his era. . .Baksi is now an officer-member of the Ironworkers Union in Albany, N.Y. . .Eddie Muller, top boxing writer in the country, who worked for the San Francisco Examiner, covering the fight beat for 52 years, has "hung 'em up." Eddie will be sadly missed at Ringside—a happy and healthy retirement to you, Eddie—you've earned it. George Foreman and Ron Lyle looked like a couple of dock-wallopers in their brawl at Vegas. If these are the very best of the heavyweight contenders, I am of the opinion Muhammad Ali can go on for at least another two or three years. . .Chris Cline says he has a real comer in Ray Leonard of Palmer Park, Maryland—a real hot piece of fistic merchandise—we'll see Chris. . .Former welterweight king, Jose Napoles should hang 'em up before he gets hurt and blames boxing for it. Argentine heavyweight Oscar Bonavena is craving for a return to the ring wars. . .The State of Florida ranked second only to California in the total number of ring shows for 1975—and Chris Dundee, of Miami Beach, and millionaire Pete Ashlock are the gentlemen who had a hand in making it so. . .Fran and Dave Zyglewicz are the proprietors of "Ziggy's Corner" in Watervliet, N.Y. Dave, you will recall, lost via a kayo to Joe Frazier in 1969 in Houston, Texas. He did most of his fighting out of Houston, lived there for eight years, but he was born and raised in Watervliet, N.Y.—has a ring record of 31 wins—4 losses with 18 kayoes—is 30 years old now and still looking for ring action. Dave has fully recovered from a serious industrial accident in 1971—always good to hear from him. Word from the West Coast has it that manager Joe Ponce and ex-featherweight king, Bobby Chacon are feuding once again. It is a shame as Joe and Bobby just got back together and this is not helping Chacon's young career one bit. . .Veteran middleweight contender of years gone by, Billy "Dynamite" Douglas is now plying his trade in southern rings. Could it be that his young manager, Bruce Trampler is now a matchmaker in the great southwest?? Douglas always gave a good account of himself wherever he showed. . .John Roxborough, Joe Louis' first manager is dead in Detroit. John's partner was Chicago's Julian Black—they sure brought Louis into the public eye and created one of the greatest champions ever—the greatest in my book!! Mickey "The Kid" Davies has his license to promote in Santa Ana, California, now—along with his San Diego permit—and will supply the boxing talent for those fans in that area. . .Featherweight contender Art Hafey, now fully recovered from a hernia operation, is ready to move into a world title match in this new year. Lou Gross, who manages heavyweight Phil Fritz had an unusual experience recently at a boxing show at Miami Beach. His fighter was in with O. T. Davies, who claimed that Fritz had bitten him. Davies charged his opponent and immediately bit him back. Fritz, bleeding from a visible chest wound retreated quickly to his corner. The fight was stopped and called "no contest." Davies contended that Fritz bit him first, but Lou Gross says no, "Bit him? If my guy bit him, he wouldn't have an arm left.". . .The Macon Hall of Fame in Macon, Georgia, will rename the Monument Room at the 7,000 seat Macon Coliseum, the "W. L. Stribling Memorial Room." Two prominent members of the committee are Jimmy Jones, noted Georgia author (he wrote the Stribling life story *King of the CaneBrakes*) and The Macon Telegraph sports writer, Harley Bowers. Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Angott celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. They are the parents of three children, Theresa, Rose Marie and Sam Angott, Jr.—all of the Canton, Ohio area. They have seven grandchildren. It is always good to hear from Sammy and his wife Evelyn. Angott is the only boxer ever to belong to seven different halls of fame—Just for the record—Teddy Hayes, now 87 years young, was Jack Dempsey's trainer, not his manager. Look for Pat Pineda to become California's first woman "pro" welterweight boxer at the age of 20. . .Joe Blackwood, former Jersey middleweight who boxed Jake LaMotta in his hey-day is dead at the age of 44. . .When Ancil Hoffman passed away in Sacramento, Calif. at the age of 91, the ex-manager of the late Max Baer didn't die broke. He was close to a millionaire with vast ranch holdings and was a one-time Sacramento County supervisor with a park named for him along the American River. . .Heavyweight Terry Hinke, 26, and Bobby Goodsell, 29, an assistant at the San

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JIMMY HEAIR-ON THE ROAD TO THE TOP

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The return to L.A. was not all a bed of roses, however. The city that had made him a contender and held him as it's own hero had been miffed by his absence. Some sportswriters questioned his globetrotting ways and doubted his present abilities and conditioning. The vast majority of the predominantly Mexican fight crowd favored Hernandez throughout, and many booed the decision.

"Shoot," the happy but somewhat confused Heair exclaimed in his nearest brush with profanity, "I guess I showed 'em I can still fight. He was tough, but I did beat him. I had to take the fight to him all the way. They thought I was an old man or something. Heck, I'm only 23."

But promoter Don Chargin was impressed enough to invite Jimmy back for another 10-round main event in January, and helped to line him up for the semi-main on the Ken Norton-Pedro Lovell bout in Vegas January 10.

And so it was, that just two weeks later, only a few days after returning from a "much too fast and furious" Christmas vacation with all the family in Mississippi, boyish-looking, freckle-faced, redish-blond Jimmy Heair was kissing goodbyes to his pert and pretty young wife, Carol, soon to be one year old, tyntype of his dad, Andy, and talkative, vivacious three-year-old daughter, Leslie, who threw a barrage of lefts and rights to his chest while warning: "You better fight, Daddy, you better fight!!!"

Jimmy's first fight after arriving at the Marina Hotel fight headquarters in Las Vegas was a 4-day bout with a flu virus which impeded his training and left him admitedly weak and a little worried through Thursday's final public workout.

On Friday, Heair was feeling good enough to want to walk down the famed and fabulous gambling strip to the bazaar Circus Circus casino where the carnival atmosphere had first attracted him as a 17-year-old participating in the Golden Gloves national finals in 1969.

Gambling, just like drinking, smoking and cussing, is offensive to the Christian morals of this family-man, professional pugilist. But if Jimmy does have a vice, it may very well be overconfidence—or just plain "cockiness."

At the Circus Circus sideshow basketball freethrow booth, manager Weathers and myself (both YMCA-type players) were ripped off for several quarters, consistently missing the hoop. Jimmy bragged that he could put in two in a row, got a rash "$10 you can't" from his mentor, proceeded to pump in not two, but three buckets, collected his ten-spot and two stuffed dolls for Leslie and Andy. Yes, Jimmy Heair was well and ready to fight.

And fight he did. Despite performing before a near empty Convention Center at just shortly after noon for the convenience of CBS Sports Spectacular, Heair displayed his usual, aggressive, two-fisted attack, winning every round from a tough and persistent Andreas Gonzalez (22-2).

While he has not heard from Duran, Suzuki, Stracey or Cervantes, the Jimmy Heair show is on the road, and it's going places.

ABDUL BEY TAKES ● SALELANONT AT 1:30 OF 10TH ●

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

It was a Foreman-Lyle kind of fight all over again. Except the cast was composed of featherweights.

The setting was the Silver Slipper—and Bill Miller's Strip Fight of the Week.

Abdul Bey, the arrogant loud-mouthed one, fighting at 124, out of Perris, California. . .took on the tiny flyweight champion of Thailand, Saksit Salelanont. Sak, who came to the United States two months ago, fights out of Los Angeles at 119½ pounds.

Both fighters gave fans more than their money's worth—and a screaming crowd saw Sak go down four times—while Bey backed into the ropes and a vicious pounding in the ninth round.

Strong right hooks and combinations were Bey's battle strategy, while Sak, a southpaw, pressed his left hooks to advantage.

Both fighters were cut and bleeding throughout the near-distance fight.

Bey finally. . .and quietly. . .stopped Salelanont at 1:30 of the 10th round when referee Charlie Roth stopped the fight.

Unlike his last Las Vegas fight. . .Bey was comparatively calm and quiet. "I decided not to make the fans and referee mad at me like I did last time", he announced. "I let my fists do the talking in the ring".

Bey conceded, however, that his Thailand opponent gave him a tough battle. "Wow, that's a tough dude", said Bey. "He's really got a hard head. But I would have knocked him out earlier if he wasn't left-handed".

In three lack-luster preliminaries, Danny Brewer, 182, decisioned Oliver Phillips, 230. . .Warren Lee, 147 TKO's Tony Baretta. . .and Enrico Denaro, 159 KO'd Don Weaver, 163.

● CAPITAL NOTES ●

By ED SCULLEN

Washington, D. C. — Critics of boxing who contend the sport is nine-tenths ballyhoo and build up, would likely find a sizeable number of Capital area fans agreeing with that premise judging from the paltry number of fight shows produced here in recent months.

The most recent show to run aground was the much-heralded Mike Baker—Emile Griffith matchup scheduled for the Capital Center on March 1. For the U.S. Junior Middleweight champ the Griffith fight was to have been the first outing under the new management of Redskin president Edward Benett Williams — Williams bought Baker's contract from former manager Chris Cline for a reported $10,000 several weeks ago.

Prior to this disappointment, a local promotional group with a tie-in to Murray Goodman of New York apparently bit the dust after producing one poor card in December at the D.C. National Guard Armory. Despite announced plans to run monthly shows at the Armory as a Bicentennial event, the group appears to be defunct.

In the absence of professional action, local fans have been teased with two amateur shows — one of which, a Pappy Gault production, drew 500 fans.

Help may be on the way, however, in the form of a new promotional group headed by 33-year-old Mike Lasky of Baltimore. Lasky's group in its first show attracted 1700 fans to a Baltimore dinner theater. A show scheduled for late March is already in the works, this time for Shady Grove dinner theater located 15 miles north of Washington. The group also is interested in the Capital Centre and may promote there at a later date.

Local fight pilot Chris Cline after selling Mike Baker's contract was involved in a similar deal. The contract in this case was his son's, Biff "The Terror" Cline, undefeated light heavyweight. Long-time fight fan and Capitol Heights businessman Bob Long was the buyer. As part of the deal, Cline will continue to train his son while Biff will work as a salesman for Long's fence company with the understanding that time off will be granted for training and travel to fights.

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ESCALERA-FERNANDEZ UPSTAGE ALI

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The 12th Fernandez was on top of Escalera tagging him with wild left hooks to the head. At the end of the round Alfredo opened up and landed a good right to the cheek which staggered Jose.

The 13th round proved unlucky for Fernandez. Again looking good and holding his own, he was hit with a hard right under the eye, which opened up a bad cut. This caused the referee to halt the contest at 2:13 of the round.

Alfredo Escalera was ahead at the time on all three local official score-cards. This win makes the champ's record 32-6-2, with 21 kayoes. This was his third defense of his title since he won it from Kuniaki Shibata on July 5, 1975.

Fernandez' mark drops to a 24-6-2 with 10 kayoes. He has lost two out of his last three bouts.

Also on the card was Wilfredo Gomez, Puerto Rico, the No-5 ranked bantamweight in the world. He kept undefeated with a kayo in three over Canadian Cornell Hall.

TARRANTINO DRAWS WITH ● MANUAL TORRES ●

By JIM BRADY

Competing in his first main-event, Tom Tarrantino, 136½, Milwaukee, Wis. outpointed Manual Torres, 137, Chicago, Ill. over ten thrilling rounds at the Waukesha Exhibition Center.

Throughout the first half of the contest, Tarrantino held a slight lead, landing frequently with sneaky left jabs and crisp combinations.

However, in the sixth round the tide of battle began to change. Torres, previously content to counterpunch, began waging an all-out offensive. He tore away savagely at Tarrantino's head with both hands; and the game Milwaukean was forced to slug toe-to-toe with Torres in order to survive.

The remainder of the contest was marked by spirited exchanges between the two combatants.

The verdict (split decision) on behalf of Tarrantino was booed lustily by the fans. Although Tom appeared to have won it, it was close enough to have been declared a draw.

Prelims: Pro-debuting Harv Betz, 126, Green Bay, Wis., won a split decision over Tito Santiago, 126½, Milwaukee, Wis., in 4 roudns. Though just a kid, Betz has good moves and considerable poise. Matched carefully he could go places.

"Baby" Ray Smith, 158, Chicago, Ill., flattened "Irish" Ray McGrath, 168, Fon Du Lac, Wis., at 1:01 of the 1st round. Though McGrath was game, he was way out of shape, and this mismatch should not have been sanctioned by the commission.

Al "Firebrand" Clay, 156, Chicago, Ill., notched his second victory over Billy Goodwin, 154, Milwaukee, Wis., by stopping the localite at 2:12 of the 6th round. Prior to the TKO the bout was about even, until Clay tagged Goodwin with a left-right combination that left Billy flat on his back. Goodwin got up, but blood was spurting from his mouth and the referee halted matters.

Muscular John Townsend, 176, Milwaukee, Wis., proved to strong for Dave Bradley, 175, Chicago, Ill., over 6 rounds, and reversed a previous loss suffered at the hands of Bradley.

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EXCLUSIVE INFORMAL INTERVIEW WITH GEORGE FOREMAN

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talk on the phone frequently. After all, we have a little daughter who was born 16 days after I won the title. Michi, my daughter, is very precious to me, and I spend as much time with her as possible.

RING: Do you think you might be reconciled with your ex-wife?

FOREMAN: No—we've both built our lives in different directions by now.

RING: Do you want to get married again?

FOREMAN: I sure do. I don't wanna be no single man. I don't like to play around and play games with women. I want a woman who means something very special to me. And I want to treat her like I'd want a man to treat my mother.

RING: You frequently mention your mother. You're very close to her—right?

FOREMAN: You bet. I come from a matriarchal family. My mother and father were separated when I was just a little kid. I don't ever remember life with both of them. I love my father now that I know him. But my mother has always been the key figure in my life.

RING: Do your feelings for your mother reflect on your feelings about the women you date?

FOREMAN: It sure does. How can you love your mother, and then play sadistic games with some other woman? I got a protective attitude toward my women. I don't play around with them any more than I play around with an opponent in the ring.

RING: Speaking of your ring tactics, boxing fans have said that your knockout wins are always scored by the second round. (This question was asked a week before the Lyle fight—and the 5th round knockout).

FOREMAN: That's not my fault. I've never been the kind of guy who likes to play around with an opponent to keep getting him on the hook and letting him off. I don't try to prove anything by keeping the fight going and softening a guy up when I don't have to. That's why I've had early knockouts. If I get a guy in trouble I finish him off. Knock him out when he's fresh instead of toying with him.

RING: Do you feel you have the staying power to match your punching power—so you could still win in a fight that went the distance?

FOREMAN: I can go 12 rounds if I have to. I can outsmart and outpunch any heavyweight in the game today. To me there is only one man I stand in awe of. And that's Joe Louis. To me he's the only true celebrity in the world.

RING: You've been criticized for your exhibition bouts especially the one in Toronto where you fought 5 opponents.

FOREMAN: That was planned basically for fun. I didn't realize those five guys wanted a real serious fight. I know this brought a lot of criticism, and it was a mistake in judgment on my part. I wouldn't do it again. As I said—I've matured.

RING: You've also been criticized for your inactivity, especially when you were champion.

FOREMAN: That was a mistake too. I don't ever intend to be inactive again. There's no substitute for activity. And I'm gonna be training constantly at my camp in Livermore, California. You know, it's funny about training, I love it and I hate it. But I realize now how much I love boxing.

RING: You've taken a great liking to ferocious animals. We hear you have a lion and a tiger at your Livermore training camp.

FOREMAN: That's right. You can learn a lot from animals. You know, animals invented fighting. The best athlete in the world is the cat. And my tiger is an example of how to move effortlessly. He doesn't have stamina, but he knows how to move and dodge and make the most of his inner strength. I learn a lot by watching him.

And my lion teaches me how to move proudly like he does. He's the king of the jungle, and when he moves you know he's in command. He knows who's afraid of him and who isn't. My pet lion can be very affectionate, but only with me. Nobody else can go near him.

RING: Now that you've hired Gil Clancy as your trainer, do you credit him with your change in attitude?

FOREMAN: Gil's the greatest in this business. I accept his suggestions and he accepts mine. We work together. But, like I said, a man has to be a man, and you can't designate someone else to do everything for you. I have to be my own man and do things for myself. What you do in boxing, you also do in your personal life. You do things yourself and handle yourself like a man.

RING: Do you think the glamour of being world heavyweight champion went to your head?

FOREMAN: When I was champ, people were always kow-towing to me. And I made a lot of mistakes in judgment. But, as I said, now I've gained maturity, and I'm my own man.

RING: Do you feel that the indifference of Dick Sadler, your former manager, may have been responsible for some of these errors and may have even cost you the title?

FOREMAN: Dick is two different people. He's one man in the boxing world and another in the general world. Let's just say we still speak. I don't hate or even dislike anybody.

RING: And now. . .your one goal in life is to regain the heavyweight championship. Is that right?

FOREMAN: That's right. I'm gonna do everything I can to jeopardize Muhammad Ali's ego—and his title. I resent somebody else being heavyweight champion of the world. 1976 is going to be my year. The world is gonna see a very active and a very winning George Foreman. Right now—I'll do anything in the world to become the champ again!

Note: At the post-fight press conference, following Foreman's dramatic fifth round knockout of Ron Lyle, George summed up his victory in these words:

"This was one of the toughest fights I ever had. But I won. Sure I got knocked down twice, but a champion is supposed to get knocked down. Even Joe Louis has been knocked out. But I won the fight. They say everyone loves a winner. And the world is gonna be loving me for a long time to come!"

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RANZANY OVER AVANS

SACRAMENTO — Blond slugger Pete Ranzany, 150½, Sacramento, said that Arizona's Mike Avans was one of the toughest guys he ever met. Ranzany had few problems handling Mike in their 10-rounder at Memorial Auditorium.

The decision was unanimous with the Capital City welterweight scoring in every round with hard blows.

Avans, who fights out of Phoenix, weighed 151½.

Promotoer Babe Griffin was more than pleased with the crowd of 2400, who contributed to a gross gate of $9,175.

Other results: Fidel Fraijo, 126½, Los Angeles, dec. over Martin Avila, 130, Sacramento, (6); Nacho Jimenez, 135½, San Jose, dec. over Dave Kibby, 139, Eureka, (6); Jimmy Jackson, 147½, Los Angeles, KO over John Pinedo, 151, Modesto, (3).

▲**LOS ANGELES** — Unbeaten Ronnie McGarvey, 127, Adelphia, Maryland, gave Mimin Becerra, 125½, Mexico City, a solid pasting in their 10-rounder at the Olympic.

The Irishman had turned the bout into such a one sided affair, that the referee had to end matters mid way in the seventh.

A southpaw, McGarvey is being handled by Sonny Shields, father of lightweight star, Randy.

Other results: Gonzalo Montellano, 134½, East Los Angeles, dec. over Juan Arcos, 137, Mexico, (5); Ray Saldivar, 133, Los Angeles, dec. over Guillermo Gonzales, 137, Montebello, (5); Ignacio Osornio 123, Mexico, dec. over Pabano Martinez, 124½, Los Angeles, (5).

The gate totaled $5,104.

▲**LOS ANGELES** — Ranked as the no. 9 welterweight by the World Boxing Council, Carlos Palomino, 149, breezed to an easy and one sided 10-rounder over Mike Avans, 151, Phoenix, at the Olympic Auditorium.

Palomino, who resides in Westminster in nearby Orange County, was in command from the outset. He was aggressive enough, but couldn't put the combinations together to get Avans in any serious trouble.

Jackie McCoy, Carlos' veteran manager, complained that Avans was "a cutie and hard to tag." It was win number 17 for Palomino against one loss and three draws.

In a companion 10-rounder, Silvano Aguilar, 126½, Mexico, and David Monzon, 126½, Los Angeles, drew in the sixth round. Aguilar had suffered a cut from an accidental head butt.

Other results: Johnny Jensen, 126, Los Angeles, dec. over Frank Ahumada, 128, Montebello, (6); Mohammed Makloufi, 135, Tunis, dec. over Roberto Prieto, 137, East Los Angeles.

The gate was $7,865.

▲**STOCKTON** — Artemio Jimenez, 121, San Jose, scored a mild upset in halting favored Joe Guevara, 122, Sacramento, in the tenth and final round of their main event at Civic Auditorium.

It was a severe cut over Guevara's left eye that forced the referee to stop the contest.

Other results: Nacho Jimenez, 134, Mexico, dec. over Armando Mendieta, 133, San Jose, (10); Chilo Onate, 135, Stockton, dec. over Vicente Hernandez, 135, Oakland, (8).

Featherweight Bobby Chacon, seen with writer Don Fraser, disposed of Gene Prado, Mexico, in round 5 of their Fresno fight.

▲**LOS ANGELES** — A perfect left-right combination by Monroe Brooks finished off Alfonso Jimenez of Mexico City early in the second round of their 10-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium.

Brooks, 137, is holder of the California junior welterweight and welter championships. He probably could add the lightweight crown if he desired.

Monroe lives in Southwest Los Angeles and is managed by ex-boxers Jackie McCoy and Henry Davis.

Jimenez weighed 137½. The attendance was 2600, who paid $7,424.

Other results: Johnny Jensen, 127, Los Angeles, and Francisco Flores, 128, East Los Angeles, drew (6); Eladio Leal, 125, Mexico dec. over Pabando Martinez, 125, Los Angeles, (5); Ray Saldivar, 131½, Los Angeles, dec. over Martin Avila, 131, Los Angeles, (5).

▲**FRESNO** — Former WBC featherweight champ Bobby Chacon, 133, had his first fight in California since he was KO'd in two rounds by Ruben Olivares last year, facing Gene Prado, 131, Mexico.

According to ringsiders, Chacon showed his oldtime class in disposing of Prado in the fifth round. Bobby just had too much firepower for Prado.

Trrainer Joe Ponce wants Bobby to return to the featherweight division, but the hard punching little guy had to take off a pound at the weight in to make 133.

Pat DiFuria and Pete Rokas were the promoters and reported they ended up in the black with a gate of $8,310.

Other results: Alfonso Ibarra, 127, Fresno, KO over Juan Lopez, 127, Mexico, (5); Armando Alatorre, 163, Fresno, dec. over Kenny Washman, 168, Bakersfield, (6).

▲**LOS ANGELES** — A new location for pro boxing, the Shrine Auditorium Exposition Hall, presented it's first ever ring card. Located virtually on the campus of the University of Southern California, the inaugural crowd was estimated between 400 and 500 people.

Socrates Batoto, 118½, Manila, P.I., had to scramble back from a knockdown to win a tight 10 round decision over Antonio Fuentes, 119, Mexicali, Mexico.

In his last start, Batoto was stopped in two rounds in a title

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ALI AND THE PUSSY CAT

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for that fiasco and it looks as though the fans at Costa Rica will also pay that amount to be part of the first heavyweight title fight to be held in that country. According to King, ABC wants that fight in April. At least they did before the Young showing on the Ali card.

Sources close to King maintain that he still expects to push the Young-Ali fight through despite what the experts or anyone else might think.

What else is on the tappet for Ali fans? Loads of much better fare than a fight with Young. For example, according to King himself, Kuwait, Turkey and the Sudan have all stated that they would put up fourteen million for an Ali-Norton fight this year. This could be a red herring since King says that he hopes this fight could be made in Shea Stadium in little old New York. King acts homesick for New York. His idea for the Shea extravaganza is for some large corporation to pick up the tab as the sponsor for a Bicentennial July 4th weekend.

King would like to make the Ali fight for New York or somewhere else in the U.S., but if that fails he will go overseas.

Pressed for future developements, King looks forward to Ali's meeting Frazier again, George Foreman again, and Frazier and Forman fighting for the right to meet Ali. . .all possibilities.

As for how long Ali will fight? The champion now talks about fighting until he is forty-five. Before his fight in Manila he was talking about one or two more fights. After his waltz with Coopman he thinks the million dollar free rides can go on forever.

We would hate to see a man such as Ali who has done so much for boxing continue until he is beaten by someone like Coopman, and in time that, too, could happen.

ISMAEL LAGUNA, PANAMA PROMOTER

By ALBERTO M. MONTILLA

PANAMA, R.P. — Former lightweight champion Ismael Laguna returned to the promoting business with a 5-bout card of popular prices at the Nuevo Panama Coliseum.

Laguna was the focus of favorable comments after a brilliant display of boxing in a 4-round exhibition.

Vianor Durango, 146, won the vacant National welterweight title by knocking out Ubaldino Del Cid, 145 ¼, in 1:27 of the second of a scheduled 12-rounder. Durango decked his opponent three times in the round to automatically take the victory by a knockout.

The 10-round semifinal contest ended by a TKO win for Jorge Miranda, 125¼, over Reyes Blanquiset, 125, at 1:35 of 5. Miranda scored knockdowns in the second and third rounds.

Other results:

Tomas Ortiz, 128, decisioned Amalio Salgado, 129, of Colombia in four.

Luis Ibarra TKO'd Baby San Blas III in two rounds. Both weighed 114.

Jose Ramirez, 144¼, won on a 3rd-round TKO over Mochila Rodriquez, 143½.

▲ **PANAMA, R.P.** — Jaime (Spitfire) Rios, 107¾, gave Panama its seventh world boxing title by scoring a unanimous decision over Rigoberto Marcano, 107½, of Venezuela in a furious 15-round junior flyweight championship bout at the Nuevo Panama Coliseum.

'Spitfire' Rios dominated the action after the first two rounds as he displayed the foot-work of an opera-dancer in synchronization with speed and a masterpiece of boxing to eliminate his opponent's advantage in height, reach and hitting-power.

The three officials voted in the following way: Referee Servio Tulio Lay scored it 148-141, and judges Harmodio Cedeno and Rodolfo Gill, 147-143 and 148-141 respectively.

▲ Other results:

Alfonso (Small-tractor) Lopez, 112, floored Juan Herrera, 109, of Colombia for an eight-count, then scored a 2:37 first-round knockout.

Rafael Pedroza, III, registered a TKO over Candelario Guzman, 112, of Venezuela in 1:24 of the seventh.

Rigoberto Riasco, 125½, retained his National featherweight title by a unanimous decision over Luis Avila, 125, in 12.

In the curtain raiser, Antonio Walker, 109½, scored a 2nd-round TKO over Benjamin Rodriquez, 109¼, in four.

▲**Panama, R.P.** — Rodolfo (Bebe) Francis, 126¼, sixth-ranking WBA featherweight unloaded a flurry of combinations to the head of Chartchai Chinoi, 127¼, of Thailand, and followed with a terrific left hook to the mid-section that stunned the Thailander with his back against the ropes and his eyes glossy, to score a 1:20 sixth round TKO victory at the Nuevo Panama Coliseum.

After a irksome two-round, both fighters seemed determine to get things going in the third as they exchanged hard lefts and rights to the head and body until the end of the round. Francis, however, came out of it bleeding from a slight cut above his right eye.

Francis took complete control of the situation in the fourth and fifth rounds as he assaulted the loser with stiff jabs to the face and combinations to the head.

In the scheduled 10-round semifinal, Reynald (Hormiguita) Hidalgo, 127, KO'd Jesus (Chui) Rdriquez, 126, of Mexico in three minutes of the first round.

The other 10-round route was shortened when flyweight, Jorge Lujan, 113¼, scored a technical knockout win over Catalino Flores, 114¼, of the Philippines at 2:35 of fourth. Flores was floored in the first round and received the mandatory 8-count.

In the 4-round opener, Luis (Lagunita) Rodriquez, 126, made a successful pro debut by decisioning Tommy Ortiz at 124¾ pounds.

ELIAS TAKES 8 ROUND UPSET FROM BOYNTON

By CHARLES D. BROWN

Queens, N.Y.C. — Hallowed old Sunnyside Gardens is giving the New York area a badly needed developing ground for young fighters on the way up. A crowd of just under 1,000 people, mostly occupying the $5 bleachers, showed up to see the contenders of tomorrow (they hope) sport their stuff.

In the eight round main event, Jose Elias (161, Brooklyn) scored an upset points win over power-punching Fred Boynton (155, Red Bank, N.J.), who is normally a welterweight. Boynton has had trouble getting fights because of his picture left hook, which is capable of doing a lot of damage. Elias found that out in the first four rounds, sampling quite a few of them. So he switched from long range fighting to an inside swarming tactic, not giving Boynton time to get set for his left. Elias fought a smart fight and it paid off with a decision for him. Boynton landed few solid blows in the second half of the fight. Elias, now 3-1-1, should be back here soon. He impressed. Lew Eskin refereed.

In the six-round semi, Long Island heavy Bill Sharkey (188) won his tenth in a row without a loss (8 KO's). He outpointed a heavy light-heavy, Ramon Ranquello (184, Mexico) in a bruising fight that had no knockdown. Sharkey is still a headhunter, a habit he should break. Ranquello proved durable and survived being staggered in the 4th and a good pasting in the sixth, which was spent toe-to-toe for two of the three minutes. Ranquello was warned for hitting on the break, but he proved stiff opposition for Sharkey and a rematch would pack them in. It was closer than the unanimous decision made it.

In another six, Don Morgan (149½, Nashville, Tenn.) stopped Jeff Holmes (148½, Jersey City, N.J.) at 2:54 of the fifth. Morgan floored the poorly coordinated Holmes three times in that round, automatically terminating the bout. Morgan was the stronger of the two, and the handwriting was on the wall from the third round on. The referee perhaps should have stopped it after the second knockdown, when it was obvious that Holmes was through.

In a six-round welter pairing, Juan Cantres (145, Puerto Rico) beat Vince Pavon (146½, Staten Island) on points. No knockdown. Not that much of anything else, either. Cantres built up a lead, and Pavon finished the stronger; staggering Cantres with a left hand in the fifth. Cantres kept his inscrutable expression, though.

In a four, John Thompson (147, Newark) decked Sandy Alexander (145) in the first heat and matadored his way to a points decision. Alexander was caught coming in time and time again. Perhaps he weakened himself coming down from his usual middleweight poundage, but Alexander proved nothing except that he can do an impersonation of a steak on a butcher's pounding block.

In another four that was one-sided but great to watch, Bob Patterson (156½, Paterson, N.J.) outpointed Gilberto Vega (162, NYC). Patterson floored Vega five times during his win, which left him only 37 short of the all-time record. Vega was down in the first round, but wasn't hurt, and actually won that round. Patterson must have been reading my scorecard, for he proceeded to score two genuine, hurtful knockdowns in the second; another in the third by way of a right hand, and another in the fourth. Patterson had clowned all through the fourth, then perhaps realized that it might be nice to floor Vega in every round. So he landed a hard left counter and down Vega went again. Vega got up five times, and looked fresh at the end. Somehow.

WAJIMA WINS JR. MIDDLE CROWN FOR THIRD TIME

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is talk about a third match between Koichi and Yuh. Also in the running for a shot at Wajima's title are: Local Ryu Sorimachi, Orient champion, Jan Kies, South Africa, Miguel Castellini, Argentina and Leo Saenz, United States. Elish Obed, from Nassau, Bahamas, is the W.B.C. champion. A bout between the two champs seems to be a longshot at best.

ARRINGTON REVERSES LOSS TO BYTHEWAY WITH 5TH ROUND KO

By RUGGLES LARSON

Seattle, Washington — Ibar Arrington, Everett-Monroe, Washington, heavyweight, reversed a blemish on his professional boxing record by scoring a fifth round technical knockout victory over Ed Bytheway, 196, Walla Walla, Washington. In two previous bouts Bytheway scored a decision win and held Arrington to a draw. This time around Ibar led on all three official scorecards when the bout was stopped. In a companion ten rounder, Jose Gonzalez, 162, Oakland, California, TKO'ed John L. Sullivan, 157, Olympia, Washington.

In preliminary action Darrell Penn, 154, Portland, Oregon, TKO'ed Steve Tohill, 159, Vancouver, B.C., in the fifth round. Les Vegas, 168, Vancouver, B.C., decisioned Willie Baldwin, 164, Seattle, in an action packed four rounder. Boone Kirkman, Renton, Washington, boxed a four round exhibition with Issaquah heavyweight Doug Troyer.

▲Davey Armstrong, Puyallup, Washington, featherweight, scored two wins in three bouts against Soviet boxing teams on a recent tour by the United States A.A.U. mitt squad.

▲Eight Pacific Northwest amateur fighters are rated in the top ten of their respective divisions according to the latest A.A.U. rankings from Indianapolis. Davey Armstrong (Puyallup — #1 at 125); Al Armstrong (Puyallup — #4 at 132); Leo Randolph (Tacoma — #2 at 112); Ricky Lockridge (Tacoma — #10 at 119); Tommy Brooks (McChord AFB — #2 at 165); Jerome Bennett (McChord AFB — #3 at 156); Tommy Sullivan (Portland — #1 at 165); and John Sullivan (Portland — #8 at 139).

▲**Tacoma, Washington** — The following amateur boxers were crowned champions in the twenty-eighth Tacoma Golden Gloves: 106 — Reynoldo Consemiu (Auburn); 112 — Louis Jackvony (Ft. Lewis); 119 — Leo Randolph (Tacoma); 125 — Rick Bosewell (Troy, Montana); 132 — Charles Carter (Yakima); 139 — Steve Chase (Kelso); 147 — David Ius (Vancouver, B.C.); 156 — Mitchell Mayes (Tacoma); 165 — Jerry Otis (Bremerton); 178 — Tommy Sullivan (Portland); and Hvy. — Lee Black (Seattle).

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EVERETT WINS HARD 12 FROM MURO

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would have too much firepower for the relatively inexperienced Artis. However, except for a rocky opening round, Artis was in command all the way. He made Copeland miss and countered with clean, head-snapping combinations round after round.

In a third scheduled ten, local knockout artist Eugene "Cyclone" Hart, 159, made short work of Texas journeyman Melvin Dennis. A thunderous left hook to the mouth flattened Dennis, 154, early in the third round.

In the best of a trio of sixes, Philadelphian Lynwood "Honeyboy" Snowden, 124, destroyed novice Mexican Antonio Rivera, 120, in less than three rounds. The other two saw John McQueen, 136, outpoint Elviro Reyes Jujuja, 133, and Tyrone Freeman, 160, decision Fred Jenkins, 152. All four boxers from Philadelphia.

Billy "The Kid" Abel, 129, opened the excellent show with an easy first-round KO over Bobby Brew, 127.

PETRONELLI OVER GARCIA IN UNANIMOUS 10

By DON HAMILL

New England fans were treated to only three professional shows during the past month, but the amateur activity was high with Golden Glovers vying for a chance to go to the nationals. The results follow.

▲**Brockton High School** — Tony Petronelli, 142, South Bridgewater, romped to a ten round unanimous decision over Jose Carlos Garcia, 142, Worcester by way of Norfolk. Garcia was the final one of several substitutes for the original opponent, Billy Bridges. Petronelli toyed with tough Garcia, who started boxing back in 1967 as a featherweight. It was their second meeting and, as in their first, Garcia never gave up trying.

The entire card was riddled with substitutions and became a makeshift presentation. Joe Houston, 164, Lowell, was a late substitute for Bob Crutison and was counted out in 30 seconds of the first round after catching a solid right from Dornell Wigfall, 166, Brockton, in the scheduled eight round semi-final. Billy Duquette, 165, Brockton, was awarded a 25 second TKO over Bobby Asack, 169, also of Brockton, when the latter dislocated his shoulder with hardly a punch exchanged. Tony Lopes, 146, Brockton High School senior, boxed a six round exhibition with Jimmy Farrell, 131, Rockland. A healthy turnout of 1500 was on hand to see the abbreviated show.

▲**Waterbury Armory** — Vinnie DeBarros, 135, Waterbury, easily whipped veteran Jose Resto, 132, New York, to take a unanimous ten round decision. DeBarros, anxious to go ten fast rounds, enjoyed a good workout. He scored at will so that Resto's face was swollen and his left eye nearly closed by the final bell. Resto waged a body attack but it failed to slow the local youngster.

John Harris, 162, Hartford, rang up another win when he took a six round unanimous decision over heretofore unbeaten Reggie Jones, 162, Newark. Harris outfought the former Olympian in a pleasing scrap. Dick Ecklund, 143, Lowell, turned in an impressive showing in turning back veteran Terry Rondeau, 146, Pittsfield, by a clear cut duke after six heats. Jesse Bender, 158, New Haven, halted Roger Phillips, 159, Pittsfield, when the latter could not come out for round four. In the four round curtain raiser, Jerry Hayes, 131, Newark, made short work of Ural Hunter, 132, Waterbury, whom he dispatched in 48 seconds of the first round.

▲**Boston Arena** — Marvelous Marvin Hagler, 160, Brockton, had an easy time scoring a second round knockout over highly touted Matt Donovan, 160, Trinidad, B.W.I. Donovan was decked twice in the first round and went down one more time in that heat because of a slip. When he went down at the start of the second heat after catching a left to the chin, Referee Rommy Rawson wisely called a halt.

Ricky Wynn, 218, Norton, won a ten round split decision over Mike Boswell, 190, Rochester, N.Y., in a bout that failed to warm up the chilled fans. The temperature in the area was near the 50 degree mark. Billy Duquette, 161, Brockton's fighting bartender, suffered a cut over his eye and was a second round TKO victim to James Bradley, 163, Norfolk. Gene Lawrence, 122, Charlestown, won a four round decision over Howard Acosta, 124, Jamaica Plain, in a bout that marked the pro debut of both. Jimmy Farrell, 132, Rockland, turned in a top-flight performance in duking Roland Sigamon, 135, Lowell, in four rounds. Bobby Richard, 140, Portland, scored a four round decision over Danny Davis, 143, Canton, a former service boxer.

▲Connecticut boxing fans were shocked to learn of the untimely death of Kenny Adams of Norwich in an auto-truck accident. Kenny was a good featherweight during the 1940's and '50's. In more recent years he had been developing amateur talent in his home town of Norwich, Connecticut, with his former manager, Ray Lord.

The writer also just learned of the death several months ago of George Marino, Bridgeport junior welterweight of the early 1940's. The writer frequently worked with George whenever he boxed in Hartford.

MONACO OVER SUMMERHAYES ON L.I.

By CHARLES D. BROWN

Commack, L.I., New York — At the Long Island Arena Domenico Monaco (135½; NYC), U.S.-ranked junior lightweight, had himself a 10-round workout against Canadian lightweight champ Johnny Summerhayes (136), who fought a bad fight and was the first one to admit it after it was all over. "I stank the joint out," said Summerhayes. "I just had trouble getting off. My combinations weren't working." Also little else. Summerhayes' 21-3 record was nowhere in evidence as he spent most of his time grasping a bemused Monaco about the hips and sometimes dragging him into a pirouette. Summerhayes, who never shaves before a fight to "make my face tougher," won only the second round on my scorecard. He was decked for the first time in his career in the 3rd (up at 2; taking mandatory 8), was penalized the fourth for holding, then figured he might as well hang for a wolf as a sheep and increased his holding tactics.

Monaco would throw up his arms and appeal to the ref every time Summerhayes refused to turn loose of his hips, which was often. In the 8th, Monaco achieved a subtle revenge by working Summerhayes to the ropes and gently tossing him out of the ring. Monaco was not penalized for this display, ref Herb Kronowitz perhaps figuring that after all Monaco had put up with, he was entitled to a little retaliation. Upon re-entering the ring, Summerhayes was almost immediately decked for the second time in the fight. In the 10th, both men wrestled to the floor, Summerhayes getting the worst of it. The crowd booed Johnny S. for his Saran Wrap impersonation, but every time he DIDN'T hold, Monaco outpunched him. It was not a bloody affair. Nobody got hurt physically. Summerhayes got hurt mentally. He was the least pleased of all, and blamed nobody but himself for the bad show he put on. Refreshing, in an era of sore losers.

Irish Paddy Dolan (135½, L.I.), recently named RING prospect of the month for February, had an off night too. Dolan lost his second in a row since winning the honor, and he lost it the hard way. Larry Stanton (136; Merrick, N.Y.) stopped him in the fourth round of a sixer. Dolan earned some laughs by mimicking Stanton's pre-fight calisthenics. It was the only fun part of the evening for him. When I saw him breathing hard after an uneventful first round, I knew he was doomed, one way or the other. Stanton had no trouble nailing Dolan with a stream of short right uppercuts in every round. In the third, Stanton belted Dolan after the bell. Dolan got sore and retaliated with his best punches of the night. Stanton then used his knee on Dolan and lost the crowd's sympathy right then and there. Why he wasn't penalized the round is anybody's guess. But in the fourth, Stanton landed a perfect left to the bottom and Dolan was through for the night. He got up as the bell rang, but the ref said "Stop."

Golden Gloves champ Eddie Davis (170; Freeport, N.Y.) breezed to a one-round KO of paunchy Carlos Espada (170; Puerto Rico). Espada, resembling a Joe Palooka doll in shape, hit the deck twice because of Davis' punches and old age. Davis has trouble finding decent opponents. 2:58 and out.

John Capobianco (173; Huntington, N.Y.) stopped Otis Gordon (174; Connecticut) at 2:36 of the fifth. It amounted from a sudden collapse by Gordon, who had the upper hand in the first four heats but ran out of petroleum. Gordon had Capobianco fighting for his life with body and head shots, but was pummeled real good in the fifth. When he walked away from the Cap and bent over with his back to him, the ref rescued Gordon from the land of the dizzy.

And in the best fight of the night, Michael Michaud (Long Island; 145) impressively battered Charley Benjamin (147) to a four-round points loss. Benjamin was being held up by something, though I don't know what. He had a huge swelling on one eye and a cut inside the mouth as souvenirs. Michaud, who is a man to watch, suffered a minor eye cut. The crowd gave an ovation to both fighters.

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THE BRITISH ISLE

By RON OLVER

SOLLAS KO'S VILLEGAS IN 7

ROYAL Albert Hall, London — British featherweight champion Vernon Sollas, 125½, beat Francisco Villegas, Puerto Rico, 126, referee Gibbs intervening in the seventh of a scheduled ten-rounder after Villegas had been decked.

On paper a comfortable victory, but there was restlessness among the ringsiders, and some slow-handclapping from those who thought Sollas should have finished it off sooner.

I chatted with Sollas the following night at the Annual Dinner of the British Boxing Writers Club, when he received a trophy for being voted the Best Young Boxer Of The Year by Club members.

He said—"This guy came here with quite a reputation, having beaten two World champions, Enrique Pinder and Rodolfo Martinez, and drawn with Junior lightweight champ Alfredo Esclera. It would have been foolish to have taken unnecessary risks. When the time was right I opened out, and surely no one could grumble at the way I finished it."

But the fact is that Villegas did not live up to his reputation, and did not seem to have any enthusiasm for the job. As promoter Mike Barrett said afterwards, "You can engage a fighter with a good reputation, but you can't make him fight once he gets into the ring."

There was little action in the opening round, and it was the same in the second, during which referee Gibbs instructed Villegas' cornermen to tell him to start doing something, repeating his request at the end of the session.

Villegas either did not understand or did not want to.

Sollas increased the tempo in the third, and two punches to the jaw, a left and a right, shook his opponent, who was warned to keep his head up, a warning that was repeated in the fourth.

The Puerto Rican concentrated on moving away quickly, and Sollas was unable to land more than one punch at a time, but he was getting home more frequently.

In the fifth a warning to both men to put more life into it, another censure to Villegas in the sixth to keep his head up.

Yet another warning to both at the start of the seventh to make a fight of it, and this time Sollas was able to pin his man down

British featherweight champion, Vernon Sollas.

long enough to score with a couple of good clips to the chin.

Villegas backed against the ropes, Sollas chased him and threw a vicious right that landed flush on his opponent's jaw. Villegas dropped his hands and was in desperate trouble as Sollas landed with every punch in the book.

As Villegas went half through the ropes from the impetus of Sollas' attack the referee pulled Sollas away and the Puerto Rican fell to the canvas. He rose at "five" but the referee decided he was in no position to defend himself and led him back to his corner.

British middlweight champion Alan Minter, Crawley, making his first appearance as title-holder, beat substitute Trevor Francis, Basingstoke, referee Harry Gibbs intervening in the eighth of a scheduled ten.

Original opponent Frankie Lucas had influenza, and Francis, who shortly boxes a final eliminator for the British welter crown, took the job at only a day's notice.

Only snag was that Lucas is a southpaw and Francis is not, so southpaw Minter had to forget all he had been taught in training about facing another unorthodox fighter.

Weights were both announced as "inside 162 lb.", the normal procedure to protect a champion in a non-title fight, but it is probable that Francis was conceding over half a stone.

Francis put up a good fight and stayed on his feet, but the weight handicap was a large one, and Minter gradually wore his man down. Referee Gibbs went to Francis' corner at the end of the fifth and also at the end of the sixth, but Trevor wanted to continued.

It was an untidy contest, with Minter getting warned on a couple of occasions, and Francis being censured for "slapping."

In the seventh Minter had established his superiority, and referee Gibbs called it off in the following round when Francis' task had become hopeless. By then Minter's right jab had piled up the points, and he was also getting through with left crosses.

Francis got the cheers for a plucky performance, Minter the boos for (like Sollas) not stopping his man more quickly. Unfair, as Francis is a good fighter.

Dave Green, Chatteris, 140, who was runner-up to Sollas for the Best Young Boxer Of The Year award, kayoed George McGurk, Jarrow, 138½, the man who once stopped Sollas, in two rounds. McGurk was decked twice in the opening round.

Green is one of the hardest punchers at his weight seen for some time. He waded into McGurk, concentrating on the body, ahad him down inside a minute, then again from a right which McGurk intimated he thought was low, and just failed to beat the count from the third knockdown, which he took on his knees.

This was Green's 12th win in a row, and it cannot be too long before he is selected to box for the British lightwelterweight title. He is managed by Andy Smith, who looked after Joe Bugner.

Jimmy Batten, Millwall, 153½, outpointed John Smith, Glasgow, 156¾, over eight by 79½-78. A good performance in which Batten jabbed his way to victory, increasing the pace from the fifth and frustrating all Smith's efforts to outpunch him.

Denton Ruddock, Camberwell, 198½, outscored fellow-West Indian Terry Mintus, Leeds, 202, by 60-58½, over six, not losing a round. Short on skill, but plenty of action.

▲**National Sporting Club, London** — Hugh Smith, Chapelhill, 142, beat substitute Barton McAllister, Clapham, 142, the bout being stopped because of a cut over the latter's right eye in the sixth of a scheduled eight.

There were protests from McAllister and manager Ernie Fossey, not because McAllister looked liked winning, but they claimed the cut was not severe enough to warrant a stoppage.

Smith thus did better than in their previous meeting, which ended in a draw.

Smith's work-rate on this occasion was altogether too much for McAllister, although the latter did not look in any serious trouble.

Roy Commosioung, Luton, 151, defeated substitute Jim Moore, Bradford, 152, who was disqualified in the fourth for "slapping." The bout was scheduled for eight twos.

Moore was unorthodox, and this caused some hectic moments. He was warned in the opening session, both men were spoken to by the referee in the second, and Moore was later warned again, which led to him being ruled out in the fourth.

George Sutton, Cardiff, 116, kayoed Ian Murray, Manchester, 118, in three. Murray had already been down twice.

Kenny Matthews, West Ham, 128½, stopped John O'Rawe, Belfast, 130, in the second, the referee intervening when the latter was cut on the left eyebrow. It was Murray's second win over O'Rawe, who afterwards announced his retirement from the ring.

▲**Wolverhampton Civic Hall** — Larry Paul, Wolverhampton, 157½, beat Danny McCafferty, Glasgow, 161¾, the referee stopping it in the third of a scheduled ten.

In the second round Paul caught his man with several good left hooks to the chin. McCafferty dropped to the canvas briefly, but was unsteady, and cut over the left eye.

Mac was game enough, but protested at the stoppage, but couldn't match Paul's speed of foot and punch.

Jimmy Revie, Stockwell, 134, outboxed and outpointed Billy Belnavis, Wolverhampton, 134, over ten by 100-95, winning every round.

Former British featherweight champ Revie used his southpaw jab to set his man up, then produced a fine variety of smooth punching to get on top and stay there.

Belnavis enjoyed a brief success early on, when he caught his man with some good right hands and Revie's nose bled. But apart from this it was all Revie.

Belnavis was cut under the left eye, and was down briefly when off-balance in the fourth.

Jimmy increased the tempo of his combination punching in the closing stages, but full marks to Belnavis for never giving up.

Saved by the bell in the fourth, Garfield McEwan, fought his way out of trouble to outpoint Derek Simpkin, Leicester, 192¾, over eight twos by 79½-76½.

McEwan got up at nine, the bell sounded, and after that he jabbed his way to victory.

Brian Huckfield, Warley, 194, beat Bruce Woodward, Dtafford, 201½, who was retired by his corner at the end of the fifth after his left eye was cut.

Billy Baggott, Birmingham, 178, kayoed Randy Barratt, Wolverhampton, 177, in five. When they met before Barratt won on an eye injury.

Peter Morris, Bridgnorth, 147¼, stopped Jim Moore, Bradford, 148½, in four. Substitute Moore had been decked three times before the referee stopped in.

Achille Mitchell, Coventry, 148, was floored in the opening session, but got up to outscore Martin Lewis, Colchester, 146¾, by 78½-78 over eight.

Mitchell was only down for a short count, and took a couple of rounds to get back into the fight. From then on he provided the cleaner punching and greater variety to sneak the verdict

by one round, which could well have been the final session.

▲Manor Place Baths, London — I have been carefully watching the progress of Albert Hillman, Orpington, 152, whose brother John formerly worked as a clerk in the offices of the British Boxing Board of Control. Albert remains unbeaten after 12 bouts, defeating experienced Kevin White, Wells, on points over eight by 79½-78½.

It was quite a night, this contest being one of four on a five-bout bill that brought nobbins from enthusiastic fans. This particular venue is traditionally famous for good fights and its atmosphere.

White thought he should have had the verdict, or at least a draw, but the decision seemed fair.

Hillman's work-rate was the deciding factor. He kept punching from first bell to last, and White had a slow start, conceding a lead he was never able to catch up to.

It was a "survival" fight, with several infringements, producing warnings from referee Roland Dakin. In the sixth he delivered a stern censure to both, which had the desired effect.

Hillman kept cool under pressure, and did well against a man who has been among the best in his division for some time.

Nine in a row for Paul Davis, Stepney, 149½, who stopped ringwise Tommy Joyce, Mexborough, 149, in the eighth when the latter was cut over the right eye.

Southpaw Joyce was giving as good as he got, but Davis was ever aggressive, and looked as if he had something in reserve.

Kris Smith, Sutton, 225, kayoed Billy Thompson, Doagh, 212, in five. Thompson showed up well early on, outboxing his man, but was cut by the left eye in the fifth and tired fast.

He was eventually caught by a right hand which put him down. He rose just as "nine" was being tolled, but referee Brian Anders counted him out.

Lance Bantleman, Hayes, 126½, outpointed Wally Angliss, Harrow, 126, by 59½-58 over six. It looked closer.

Mick Hampston, Lewisham, 149, outscored Alan Cable, Croydon, 149, by the narrow margin of 59-58½. Plenty of action, little regard to defences, in short a good nobbins fight.

▲Hornsey Town Hall, London — Peter Brisland, Southampton, 172½, survived a knockdown in the eighth and final round to kayo Harry White, Northampton, 176½, with a minute to go.

A dramatic fight, this. Brisland was decked in the fourth, White in the seventh, Brisland again in the eighth, then the kayo punch.

The strange thing is that in the first half of the contest the fans were calling for more action. They got their reward.

Pat Thompson, Liverpool, 177, drew with Steve Walker, Birmingham, 178, over eight twos. Thompson was marked with a cut forehead and a closed left eye, but he never gave up.

Walker kept the pressure on against a taller opponent, there was too much clinching, but the result seemed a fair one.

Boyd Farrar, Hayes, 164, outscored substitute Clive Davison, Peckham, 158, over six twos by 59-58½. A close one, with both taking a count.

Unbeaten Colin Powers, Notting Hill, 139½, outpointed Willie Owen, Bournemouth, 141, over six twos by 60-57½. It was boxer Powers against fighter Owen, and the boxer won, if only by remaining cool against an unorthodox opponent.

Paul Kinsella, Islington, 198½, outpointed Tony Blackburn, Tonyrefail, 197, by 79-78½ over eight twos. A hard fight, with Kinsella starting and finishing well, Blackburn doing his best in the middle rounds.

Kinsella's nose bled, but he kept going. Looked a good result.

▲Anglo-American Sporting Club, Manchester — Kenny Webber, Manchester, 147¾, beat Les Pearson, Fitzwilliam, 147, who was retired by his corner at the end of the sixth of a scheduled eight.

Webber had not boxed for nearly a year, and Pearson for nearly two years.

Pearson looked in trouble in the opening session, and had a swelling under the right eye. He was decked in the third, and again in the sixth on two occasions.

A good comeback by Webber, who is now managed by popular M.C. Nat Basso.

Kevin Quinn, Manchester, 144, outscored Steve Laybourn, Barnsley 145, over six twos by 60-58. Debutant Laybourn tried hard in the closing stages, after taking punishment in the early rounds. But Quinn was always in control and didn't lose a round.

Pat (brother of Kevin Quinn, Manchester, 194, outpointed Keith Johnson, Barnsley, 191, also over six twos, and also by 60-58. The more experienced Tuohey had to contend with unorthodox tactics and a few swings that landed, but was generally on top.

▲World Sporting Club, London — In a fast and interesting bout, Johnny Claydon, West Ham, 136½, reversed a previous verdict by outpointing Johnny Wall, Merthyr, 136¼, over ten by 99-98, which seemed fair enough.

Their previous bout was an eight-rounder, and Claydon took full advantage of the extra two to finish strongly.

Most rounds were closely contested, with Claydon impressing early on with neat jabs and Wall improving in the middle rounds.

With the issue still in the balance, Claydon turned it on in the final stages, putting on the pressure and revealing a better variety of punches.

One Claydon right hand in the ninth shook Wall, but the latter kept punching away in toe-to-toe exchanges that had the crowd cheering.

Tony Moore, Hendon, 190½, stopped substitute Syd Paddock, Southampton, 196, in the fourth, the latter being cut over the left eye. Not a fight to enthuse over.

Moore was to have met champion Les Stevens for the Southern Area heavyweight title, but Stevens had influenza.

Substitute Joe Oke, Ghana, 160, now based in London, stopped Leroy Herriott, New Tredegar, 162½, in seven. The latter was well on the receiving and when it was stopped. Oke impressed.

Gareth Jones, Merthyr, 158, drew with Pat Brogan, Crewe, 162, over sox twos. A hard fight, with Jones rallying well after a couple of shaky rounds in the middle of the bout. But at 18 he showed promise against a more experienced opponent.

▲National Sporting Club, London — Central Area featherweight champion Alan Richardson, Fitzwilliam, 129, outscored John Mitchell, Kirkcaldy, 128½, over eight by 80-77, not losing a round. Yet there wasn't as much difference between them as the scoreline suggests.

Richardson opened at a fast pace, and maintained it, and this was the difference between the two. Mitchell could not raise gis own work-rate enough to get on terms, yet still gave a good account of himself, and a fast, clean contest ensued.

In his second pro bout John Gillan, Aberdeen, 138½, narrowly outpointed Gordon Kirk Liverpool, 141½, boxing well at the start, but relaxing a little in the later rounds, which allowed Kirk to make up a lot of the leeway.

Gillan looks promising, but must not take too many "breathers." As it was only half a point separated them.

Tony Mattia, Bedford, 138¼, kayoed Delvin White, Tottenham, 134, in the fifth. A left hook did the trick.

Errol Lotriet, Southampton, 163, kayoed Uton Strachan, Hackney, in the fourth. It was the fourth time Strachan had been down, with Lotriet down twice.

Errol's brother Owen had previously stopped Strachan, also in four.

▲Great International Club, Nottingham — Kirkland Laing, Nottingham, 154, had no trouble in outpointing substitute Terry Schofield, Bishop Auckland, 152, by 79½-77. It was Laing's fifth win in a row, and he was never extended.

So much was his superiority that some fans booed because he didn't stop his man, but Schofield fought a plucky fight.

Dave Tuohey, Leeds, outscored Graham Laybourn, 127, over eight by 79½-77, Tuohey thus repeating his win of a week earlier.

Kevin Quinn, Manchester, 138, also confirmed his victory on the same bill when he stopped Steve (brother of Graham) Laybourn, 138½, Barnsley, the referee intervening after 62 seconds of the opening round. When they met before, Laybourn went the distance.

Barry Clough, Stoke, 184, outpointed Steve Johnson, Barnsley, 188, over six by 60-58. Clough's experience (53 bouts) proved too much for Johnson, having only his second paid bout.

▲Maison Royal, Bournemouth — Charlie Cooper, Ferndown, 152, outpointed Mickey Ryce, Abingdon, 145½, over eight by 79-77½.

A cool, competent performance by Cooper, who recently teamed up again with manager Jack Bishop, who looked after him in the early part of his career.

Cooper used his southpaw right jab to good effect early on, but was caught by hard rights in the fourth and some good left hands to the body in the fifth and sixth.

Lasting the pace better, Cooper deserved his victory, and could well be a threat either as a welter or a junior middleweight.

Eddie Fenton, Leicester, 193, won a well-earned points verdict over David Fry, Bournemouth, 198, by 79-78 in their eight-rounder.

Fry was determined to have a go, kept the pressure on with rushing tactics, and Fenton had a slight nick over the left eye.

Fenton showed superior skill and picked his punches well. He refused to be outgamed by Fry and it was a good scrap that earned them nobbins.

Owen Lotriet, Southampton, 160, outpointed Alan Bursey, Bournemouth, 157, by 60-58½ over six twos, not losing a round. Referee James Brimmell scored it from outside the ring, with trial referee Denzil Lewis controlling the contest.

Bursey was cut under the right eye in the fourth, and Lotriet never gave him much chance to settle.

Mickey Evans, Bournemouth, 160, survived a third round knockdown to outscore Peter Baker, Southampton, 161, by the narrow margin of 58½-58 over six twos.

Evans recovered so well that he put Baker down in the fourth, and again in the fifth.

Manager Jack Bishop gained Baker valuable breathing-space when he noticed that Evans' left glove was torn, the referee stopping the action to inspect the glove.

Evans soon got back into his stride, but Baker rallied well in the final session.

▲Midlands Sporting Club, Solihull — Former British featherweight champion Tommy Glencross, Glasgow, 133½, started a comeback after nearly two years' inactivity, and stopped Martin Galleozzie, Merthyr, 133¾, in 90 seconds of the first round, the referee intervening after Galleozzie had been down six times.

The first punch of the fight, a left to the jaw, put Galleozzie on the canvas, and after that he was up and down like a yo-yo.

Glencross now plans to get down to the featherweight limit and try and regain his old title.

Tony Allen, Birmingham, 175½, outpointed Steve Foley, Bedford, 177, over eight by 79½-77. A comfortable win for Allen, but the bout was marred by too much holding for which both were warned, also an incident involving Foley before he left the ring.

Jeff Pritchard, Merthyr, 127½, easily outscored Mario Stango, Bedford, 127, over eight by 79-77. A fight that produced well-deserved nobbins.

Stango was decked twice in the final session, but by then he was weary. He put up a plucky performance, but Pritchard looks extremely promising, and it was his ninth win in a row.

Von Reid, Birmingham, beat Henry Jacobs, Liverpool, 137, who was disqualified in the fifth for persistent holding. Reid looked in front at the time.

Roger Doyle, Bedford, 129, outpointed Don Aagesen, Birmingham, 128½, by 60-57½, not losing a round.

▲Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club, Bradford — Peter Freeman, Bolton, 203, won the vacant Central Area heavyweight title by knocking out Roger Tighe, Hull, 204, in the sixth.

Tighe then decided to abandon his comeback campaign, and retire from the ring — permanently. It was the first time he had ever suffered a clean knockout in nearly 100 fights, amateur and pro.

Freeman thus confirmed his victory of a month earlier, but that one went the full distance. This time Freeman punched too hard. Tighe was decked in the fifth, paving the way for the knockout.

Terry Schofield, Shildon, 145, outscored Jimmy Pickard, Pudsey, 148, over six by 59-58. Schofield gained an early lead and withstood a last round rally.

Terry Mintus, St. Kitts-born and residing in Leeds, was down from what seemed more of a push than a punch in the third, but recovered to outscore John Depledge, Leeds, 225, over six by 59½-58½.

▲Anglo-American Sporting Club, London — Billy Knight, Walworth, 163, beat Carl Speare, Liverpool, 164, the referee stopping it in the third after a left hook to the jaw had decked Speare for seven.

It was quite a punch, and elevated Knight in the middleweight ratings.

Speare was giving a good account of himself in the first two rounds, but that punch would have disposed of many other top men besides Speare.

Phil Martin, Manchester, 178, outpointed Danny Fontillo,

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COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHT

Champion
Richard Dunn (E)
1. Bunny Johnson (J)
2. Fonomanu Sekona (T)
3. Billy Aird (E)
4. Mani Vaka (T)
5. Ngonka Ekwelum (N)
6. Danny McAlinden (I)
7. Eddie Neilson (E)
8. Maile Naimona (Samoa)
9. Les Stevens (E)
10. Rocky Campbell (Ant.)

WELTERWEIGHT

Championship
Vacant
1. John Stracey (E)
2. Clyde Gray (C)
3. Rocky Mattioli (A)
4. Fernand Marcotte (C)
5. Eddie Blay (G)
6. Bunny Grant (J)
7. Pat Thomas (SK)
8. Lawrence Hafey (C)
9. Henry Rhiney (J)
10. Trevor Francis (J)

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT

Champion
Tony Mundine (A)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Chris Finnegan (E)
3. Roy John (W)
4. Tim Wood (E)
5. Victor Attivor (G)
6. Phil Martin (E)
7. Johnny Frankham (E)
8. Steve Aczel (A)
9. Gary Summerhays (C)
10. Baby Boy Rolle (J)

LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Hector Thompson (A)
1. Martin Beni (Papua)
2. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
3. Joey Singleton (E)
4. Johnny Summerhays (C)
5. Des Morrison (J)
6. Billy Waith (W)
7. Saoul Mamby (J)
8. Ross Eadie (A)
9. Dally Law (A)
10. Dave Green (E)

BANTAMWEIGHT

Champion
Paul Ferreri (A)
1. Brian Roberts (A)
2. Paddy Maguire (I)
3. Dave Needham (E)
4. Sulley Shittu (G)
5. Paddy Graham (I)
6. Jim West (A)
7. Brian Clout (A)
8. John Kellie (S)
9. Guinea Hillier (A)
10. Jim Slatter (A)

MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion
Monty Betham (NZ)
1. Bunny Sterling (J)
2. Alan Minter (E)
3. Kevin Finnegan (E)
4. Carlos Marks (Tr)
5. Dave Downey (C)
6. Gary Broughton (C)
7. Larry Paul (E)
8. Semi Bula (A)
9. Bill Knight (SK)
10. Carl Speare (E)

LIGHTWEIGHT

Champion
Jonathan Dele (N)
1. Jim Watt (S)
2. Matt Ropis (A)
3. Fitzroy Guiseppe (Tr)
4. Jimmy Revie (E)
5. Tommy Dunn (E)
6. Lionel Rose (A)
7. George Richards (A)
9. Paul Bink (A)
10. Len Blackmore (Guyana)

FLYWEIGHT

Championship
Vacant
1. Pat Mambwe (Zam)
2. John McCluskey (S)
3. Charkie Brown (A)

LIGHT-MIDDLEWEIGHT

Championship
Vacant
1. Elisha Obed (Bah.)
2. Maurice Hope (Ant.)
3. Matt Donovan (Tr)
4. Shane Patrick (A)
5. Rocky Patterson (A)
6. Wally Carr (A)
7. Joe Keresi (Fiji)
8. Damiano Pellegrini (C)
9. Tony Poole (E)
10. Jimmy Batten (E)

FEATHERWEIGHT

Champion
David Poison Kotey (G)
1. Art Hafey (C)
2. Vernon Sollas (S)
3. Merv Wockner (A)
4. George Turpin (E)
5. Tony Ryder (A)
6. Alan Richardson (E)
7. Bingo Crooks (J)
8. Jimmy Brown (A)
9. Billy Mulholland (A)
10. Gerry Duffy (S)

Billy Moeller (A) won the vacant and newly-formed Junior lightweight title. He has been ordered to defend against Mama Clay (N). Other contenders Barry Michael (A) and Jimmy Bell (S).

ACZEL RETAINS AUSTRALIAN HEAVY TITLE AGAINST TED GRAY

By RAY MITCHELL

Australian heavyweight champion Steve Aczel, 184, retained his title at Marrickville R.S.L. Club by halting Ted Gray, 184, in the 10th round. Gray fought spasmodically, relying on the hope of landing the one big punch, but apart from one short moment in round seven, he did not have the champion in any bother. Aczel probably won all but the seventh which seemed even. Gray was dropped in the 10th, backsomersaulted to hsis feet at eight, but was assaulted in a corner before going down again. Referee Trevor Christian called a halt at that point.

Australian boxing began its 1976 season on January 20, with Manly-Warringah Leagues Club, Brookvale, the venue for a light-heavy main over eight round. Rod Christsen, 176, who fought this one as "Big Red", comfortably outpointed Fijian Acki Puncher, 168, and entertained the crowd with his vaudeville. Entering the ring in a red gown on which was stitched in white letters, "BIG RED I AM THE GREATEST" he had the crowd from the start. When called up, in the middle of the second round, to "Do the Ali shuffle, Red," he obliged, but when someone called to him, "Talk to Acki, Red," he called back, "You talk to him." Puncher tried hard all through but Big Red was too classy.

▲An eight-rounder headlined the first promotion at Punchbowl R.S.L. Club, and a packed auditorium loudly cheered local Ben Holt, 154, from the time he entered the ring, and hooted his opponent Brian Fitzsimmons, 160. They had nothing against Brian, one of the nicest kids in the business, but they certainly were one-eyed towards Benny. Holt won when I stopped the fight in the sixth round. Fitz was starting to crumble and was behind on points. Was a good fight.

▲At the Seaguls Leagues Club, Tweed Heads, Merv Wocker, 127¾, halted Willie Leslie, 132¼, the latter withdrawing with an injured hand at the end of the 7th. Wockner was in complete charge throughout.

▲South Sydney Junior Leagues Club, Kingsford, opened its 1976 account with Larry Valesini, 122, and Neil Docherty, 122, headlining over eight. Hard fight all the way with Valesini gaining a unanimous decision.

▲Two weeks later Rod Christsen, 175, again billed as Big Red, topped with Acki Puncher, 168, again. Joe Vella was to have been Big Red's opponent but he injured a foot and will tackle Red when he is right. Closer this time. I thought Red allowed Puncher to steal the fight, and voted for Acki 77-76, but the two judges carded for Big Red. Puncher went better than last time; Christsen didn't do as well.

▲North Sydney Leagues Club, Cammeray, began 1976 with a ten between Jimmy Greco, 142, and Speedy Duke, 143, on top, and that's the way it finished: Greco on points. Not a bad fight and not much difference in the points. Referee Jimmy Carruthers had a margin of two points.

▲Blacktown R.S.L. Club featured Dave Richards and Kim McCain on its first bill of 1976. Richards, 133, won comfortably on points over ten. McCain, 133¾, took a couple of counts—in 8th and 9th rounds.

▲Sydney Junior-middle Steve Dennis took a trip to Bougainville to stop the winning run of Papuan Martin Beni. Dennis, ahead on points coming into the 8th, opened up and knocked Beni through the ring. Beni could not continue. Billed for 10. No weights announced but probably 149 for Dennis, 144 for Beni.

ALAMO STOPS PASTOR IN 10

By PHILIPE J. C. GALANG

Joe Alamano, 135 beat highly favorite Fred Pastor, 136, in 10 rounds in Angeles City. Pastor was leading in the earlier rounds, but as it progressed it was all Alamano. Joe caught Pastor with a left to the chin sending him to the canvas for the mandatory 8-count. The decision was unanimous by the referee and two judges.

Ric Moreno, 124 won a unanimous decision over Tirso Vere, 125 in 10 rounds. Nila Villareal, 120, outpointed Ronnie Arosal, 121, in 8 rounds. August Lusong, 116, kayoed Carl Manayang, 116, in 3. Ronnie Cunanan, 122, bested Tiger Willy, 120, in 6. Mar Agustin, 112, kayoed Max Cardo in 2.

▲Orlando Javierto, Philippine flyweight champion defeated Ben Ayutod, 112, in 10 at the Gold City Coliseum in Cagayan de Oro. Orlando, fighting in his hometown, proved that he is worthy of his title. He had Ayudtod in trouble in the 6th round, but the challenger stood his ground. Ben rallied in the last round but Orlando was well ahead.

Walter Naldo, 126, took a split decision over Orlando Cruz, 125, in 10. Robinson Abato, 125, bested Danny Avila, 126, 8. Kid Operio, 118, defeated Roy Taungan, 118, in 6. Flash Valdez, 112, drew with Boy Brando, 112, in 4.

▲Johnny Agbon, bantamweight champion of Mindanao and Sulu defeated Chanong Pornsangfa of Thailand in 10 round in Davao City. Johnny started the fireworks in the early rounds and landed all his KO punches, but found the Thailander a tough nut to crack. He took all the punches of the Filipino like a blotter without going down.

▲Former world flyweight champion, Bernabe Villacampo kayoed Rey Naduma in the 4th round schedule 10 rounds in Cebu City. It was a fight between an amateur and a professional, the later won.

MONROE OVER MARK IN 10

By NIGEL COLLINS

arena — Philadelphia middleweight contender Willie "The Worm" Monroe scored a repeat 10-round decision over globe-trotting veteran Carlos Mark. Although there were no knockdowns, "The Worm's" victory was much more decisive than their initial encounter when the tricky Trinidadian held Monroe to a split verdict.

Monroe, 160, fought a more determined fight this time. He applied steady pressure and scored well with solid hooks and jabs to have Mark bleeding from the mouth throughout much of the bout.

Mark, 159, was content to survive and stay out of serious trouble. The only times Mark showed glimpses of his once formidable skill was when Monroe pinned him against the ropes and forced him to fight.

Many of the 4,700 fans who crowded into this old West Philly venue came to witness the first pro match between female boxers in this state.

The four-round "no decision" bout between Tyger Trimiar and Gwen Gemini provided little, if any, action. Both contestants seemed very reluctant to mix it up. If female boxing is to survive in this city the calibre of competition will have to improve drastically.

In the semifinal scheduled for ten, Steve "Flasher Ishibashi" Smith scored a ninth-round TKO over previously unbeaten Bob "Paycheck" Payton.

Smith, 161, forced the fight from the onset but needed to catch his second wind before finishing off the backpeddling Payton. The end came with Payton hung on the ropes taking a pounding. Smith hails from North Philly, while the 160-pound Payton boxes out of Camden, N.J.

Local heavyweight Roy Williams, 245, making one of his rare ring appearances, had little trouble disposing of soft touch Alex Carr, 200, Hartford, in one round. A single left hook to the liver turned the trick.

In a pair of well-fought prelims Jimmy Rockwell, 144, TKO'd Chuck Simmons, 142, and James Brackett, 136, decisioned Ernest Vann, 132. All four contestants except New Yorker Brackett, are from Philadelphia.

In a four-round comedy spot that opened the show Al Yasbeck, 177, outpointed Emerito Morales, 175, from New York.

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BILL ROSIN, RISING TRAINER, STRESSES CLEAR THINKING

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Rosin has great respect for many who went before him and feels there is much to be learned from them. He continued, "Boxing has had some notable trainers and teachers whose names are found high in fistic history. They left a lot of important information behind them and some are still at work. There was Charlie Goldman, Whitey Bimstein, Fred Brown, and the still active Al Braverman.

"I wish to pay my respects to certain functionaries of Madison Square Garden, including Harry Markson, Teddy Brenner, Stefano, and John Condon. Braverman has done a lot for me. Also very thoughtful and kind has been Don King, an amazing, fabulous promoter.

"I wish to give credit to George Chuvalo. He has not received enough credit as a fighter with a brain.

"I am not an advocate of the school of Go-In-And-Punch. It is bad. That is dangerous business. Rather do I prefer the school of Hit-And-Don't-Get-Hit, stressed by Joe Louis and Sugar Ray Robinson. You might add Willie Pep, Ezzard Charles, and Archie Moore.

"Boxing is an art, at its best. It is violent ballet. The ideal trainer must be a man of compassion. When I saw Joe Louis knocked out by Rocky Marciano I had to cry."

At this point Bill Rosin felt that he had had his say and wanted to leave other quotes for another day.

"TERMITE" WATKINS BEATS HIDALGO BY UNANIMOUS DECISION

By HANK KAPLAN

City of Miami Boxing Director Dick Lee was selected as a co-coach along with Navy's Dick Pettigrew handling a United States amateur team on a four city boxing tour in the Soviet Union. Miami Boxers Ritchie Lee Roberts and heavyweight Woody Clark were members of the team with Roberts winning a lightweight match against the strong Russian crew. Meanwhile, the City of Miami boxing program advisors are preparing for their position as host for the Florida-Caribbean Golden Gloves tournament which is expected to draw over 300 entrees for the three day show at Miami's Orange Bowl. Winners in the Open Division will represent Florida in the National Golden Glove tournament of Champions to take place March 24-27 at the City of Miami's Orange Bowl.

The Florida West Coast Veteran Boxer's Association inducted Manuel Quintero into their Boxing Hall of Fame on the occasion of their annual banquet. Quintero may have been the greatest fighter ever to be produced on the West Coast of Florida as he campaigned during the 20's and 30's losing only 13 times in a crowded career of 282 times at bat. He fought 4 World Champions, beating two, Louis Kid Kaplan and Tommy Freeman, and drew with two, Sammy Mandell and Gorilla Jones.

Murray Kezd and Sammy Fertel, two of New York's East Side battlers during the early thirties, are now permanent residents of South Florida and have teamed up with the South Florida Veteran Boxer's group. . .Benny Lonic, former Newark, New Jersey welterweight is now the Major Domo of amateur boxing in Homestead, Florida in Dade County. Lonic used to be managed by the late Jack Larkin. . .The Florida boxing community was saddened by the passing of Dr. Eddie Flynn, former Olympic welterweight champion in 1932 and resident of Tampa. . .Kelly Bergmooser, heavyweight, Johnny Compo, lightweight, Ritchie Lee Roberts and Milton Bankston, middleweight, were recent victors in amateur action at the Elizabeth Virrick Arena.

An impossible match had been made by Promoter Chris Dundee for the feature bout at the Miami Beach Convention Hall. He signed two unbeaten lightweights who may well be the pair of best 135 pound prospects in America. Two prize beauties who were not beaten in a combined total of 35 outings, as Chris Dundee brought together Juan Hidalgo, 138, of Santo Domingo, now operating out of Miami and Maurice "Termite" Watkins, 135¾, of Houston, Texas. Speculative fever ran high for a week prior to fight time as the latin community supported the 19 year old Hidalgo who never came close to losing in 13 Miami Beach engagements.

While not a torrid affair, the visitor, much-heralded and justifiably, pressed the action from the first bell and showed too many guns for the methodical Hidalgo who is ranked number two in his country of Dominican Republic. He connected with good combinations for the entire route while Hidalgo picked his shots. The fight was suspenseful throughout as Hidalgo was thought to be the better puncher and did well in the middle rounds after a poor start. But the fight was sewed up for Watkins as he finished effectively to capture the unanimous decision of the judges and raised his winning record to 23 in a row. Hidalgo showed a bruised left eye and a cut lip for his losing effort which proved that playing the waiting game fails to win fights against an action boxer like Watkins.

In another ten round battle, Jose "Speedy" Gonzales, Allentown, Pennsylvania, pounded out a points victory over Pedro Diaz, 126½, San Juan, in a see-saw contest. The fight was close with Speedy, weighing 130, pulling it out toward the final rounds.

In a third fight scheduled for ten rounds, southpaw Ernie Burns, 164½, Miami, demonstrated the power in his right hand by blasting Francisco Alvarez, 169, San Juan, in the first round.

In a heavyweight bout scheduled for six rounds, neither Orestes T. Davies, 226, Fort Lauderdale, nor Phil Fritz, 224, Nassau, were declared the winner as the contest was ruled "No-Contest." Davies claimed he was bitten by Fritz in the second round so he retaliated in a like manner. Fritz attempted to come back again with more teeth-marks of his own when referee Bill O'Connor halted the action limited to bites.

▲Big Al Jones made it three straight in his comeback as he gained an impressive victory over clever Jody Ballard, 206½, Houston, in the ten-round main event at the Miami Beach Convention Hall. Jones looked in good shape at 233½ using his right jab continuously. His power came from long lefts and left uppercuts as they landed accurately on Ballard's chin. The Goulds, Florida fighter paced himself well with the thought of going the route in order to obtain the work he needed. Ballard fought in flurries and proved to be a troublesome opponent, however; Jones gained the unanimous duke. Jones brought his record to a neat 37-2-2 and is anxious to climb back into the world ratings he once was prominent in.

In a companion contest scheduled for ten rounds, Maurice "Termite" Watkins, 135, Houston, Texas, showed too much speed and punch for Chamaca Cuenca, 131¼, New Mexico, as he caught Cuenca with a right hand high on the head to drop his opponent in the 5th round for the count. Up to the end Watkins was miles ahead in an easy contest. Cuenca tried and showed courage but his efforts were ineffective.

In a scrappy sixer, Frankie Santore, 136¼, Orlando, came from behind to gain a split decision win over Guillermo Benzant, 136, Santo Domingo. Using an aggressive style Santore bore in with hard left hooks to the body to slow down the fleeting Benzant. Santore also used left hooks to the heart to overtake his left jabbing opponent who piled up an early lead. Both fighters were applauded strongly for an excellent boxing match.

In another battle scheduled for six rounds, Orestes T. Davies, 230, Fort Lauderdale, opened up fast scoring with rights and lefts to the head of Phil Fritz, 225, Nassau, as he scored a third round TKO over his passive opponent. After being disoriented in the first round, Fritz seemed content to play "rope-a-dope" until referee Bernie Soto and the crowd had their bellyfull. Soto intervened in the middle of round three sending Fritz back to his corner with Davies declared the winner.

Almost 2100 viewers saw the show at the Convention Hall with Chris Dundee promoting. The audience included such sportsmen as Chuck Foreman, Dean Chance and new junior middleweight titleholder, Elisha Obed.

RANZANY OVER AVANS

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match against WBA bantamweight chieftain, Alfonso Zamora. Fuentes was a late afternoon sub for Manuel Lujan, who was KO'd by the flu.

In co-feature 10-rounders, Octavio Amparan, 136, Mexico City, knocked out Rafael Nunez, 135, Los Angeles, in the fourth round; Catalino Flores, 116½, Manila, P.I., dec. over Adrian Villaneuva, 117, Mexico, (10). Chris Gonzalez, 138, Montebello, KO over Alejandro Medina, 137, Los Angeles, (2).

Mike Almarez is the promoter.

▲**SAN BERNARDINO** — Frankie (The Guero) Duarte, 119, Venice, vined the main event bow of Santiago Hernandez, 118½, Mexico City, winning by a KO in the fourth round.

The show was the second presentation for promoter Jesus Pimentel, who was a leading bantamweight contender, just a few years back. A sellout gathering was on hand.

Other results: Mauricio Garcia, 135, Nicaragua, KO over Ignacio Osornio, 136, Mexico City, (4); Jose del Rio, 119, Los Angeles, dec. over Alejandro Lopez, 119½, Mexico, (6); Gonzalo Montellanom, 136, East Los Angeles, KO over Ray Saldivar, 131, Los Angeles, (5),.

▲**LOS ANGELES** — On the sidelines for almost a year, Andy (The Hawk) Price returned to combat and decisioned Rudy Barro of the Philippines in the feature 10-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium.

Price, who is now handled by a Hollywood group that includes actors Burt Reynolds and Lee Major, made amends for his lone professional setback.

Barro had knocked out Price two years ago at the Olympic. Andy's record is now 23-1-3. Weights: Price 145, Barro 144.

Other results: Warren Lee, 146, Los Angeles, KO over Benicio Gonzales, 148, Mexico, (1); Tosh Nambu, 145, Tokyo, dec. over Juan Arcos, 142, Los Angeles, (6); Rufino Hernandez, 125, East Los Angeles, dec. over Eladio Lea, 124, Mexico, (6).

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HEAVYWEIGHTS

Muhammad Ali stopped Jean P. Coopman, 5, retained World Heavyweight Title.
Jimmy Young beat Jose Roman, 10.
Ed Turner kayoed Jimmy Nixon, 2.
Alfrio Rightti stopped Benito Penna, 7.
Mike Schutte halted Obie English, 6.
Duane Bobick beat Larry Middleton, 10.
Ibar Arrington halted Ed Bytheway, 7.
Mac Hans stopped Ted Paxton.
Scott LeDoux kayoed Bill Carson, 9.
Larry Holmes halted Joe Gholston, 8.
Al Jones (Fla.) beat Jody Ballard, 10.
Bill Sharkey decisioned Ramon Ranquello, 6.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Len Hutchins beat Kosie Smith, 10.
Angel Oquendo decisioned John Griffin, 10.
Eric Sedillo kayoed Don Melancon, 3.
Milton Owens beat Babe Clark, 6.
Aldo Traversaro stopped Yannick Dufour, 2.
Matt Parlov kayoed Macka Foley, 2.
Faustino Quinales beat Mario Almanzo, 10.
Robert Amory outpointed Arno Prick, 10.
Mike Rossman drew with Caseu Gacic, 10.
John Wilburn stopped Sugar Moore, 5.
Matt Franklin beat Harold Carter, 10.
Alvaro Lopez outpointed Terry Lee, 10.
Les Vegas beat Willie Baldwin, 4.
Gary Summerhayes decisioned Tracey Morrison, 10.
Chris Elliott won from Eddie Owens, 10.
Bill Douglas beat Pedro Soto, 10.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Jean Mateo stopped Larry Paul, 2.
Angelo Jacopunci beat Robert Benaquista, 12.
Mario Romersi halted Luis Fabre, 3.
Michael Chapier defeated Jurgen Voss, 10.
Damiano Lassandro defeated Gianni Mingardi, 8.
Eugene Hart kayoed Mel Dennis, 3.
Jose Gonzales stopped John L. Sullivan, 3.
Vinnie Curto beat Eddie Davis, 10.
Hank Gregory halted Cisco Oliver, 2.
Tony Chiaverini outpointed Al Clay, 8.
Doug Demmings drew with Tony Chiaverini, 8.
Willie Monroe beat Carlos Marks, 10.
Luis Acosta beat Mimun Mohatar, 10.
Pat O'Connor outpointed Angel Robinson Garcia, 10.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Koichi Wajima kayoed Jae Do Yuh, 15, to regain World Junior Middleweight Title.
Gene Wells drew with Vicente Medina, 10.
Edgar Ross halted Ruben Rascon, 2.
Victor Perez beat Joey Vincent, and Pam, 10.
Bob Ellis stopped William Vassar, 2.
Aldo Bentini drew with Walter Guermieri, 8.
Sea Robinson drew with Pascal Zito, 10.
Rocky Mattioli beat Top Cat Jackson, 10.
Carmine Gessi kayoed Ali Kaya, 2.
Ralph Palladin stopped Hector Pena, 8.
Daryl Penn halted Steve Tohill, 6.
Leroy Green stopped Emmett Atlas, 5.
Rafael Rodriguez won from Tommy Howard, 10.
Loucif Hamani beat Emile Griffith, 10.
Tony Gardner kayoed Wayne Lewis, 4.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Pete Ranzany kayoed Manuel Leal, 1.
Harold Weston drew with Saoul Mamby, 10.
Billy Backus beat Pablo Rodriguez, 10.
Tony Petronelli beat Carlos Garcia, 10.
George Warusfel halted Nicola D'Orazio, 3.
Salam Ouiedraogo beat Joe Bessala, 15.
Roger Buckskin outpointed Fred Jones, 6.
Larry Butler halted Joe Houston, 3.
Antonio Leyva defeated Rocky DiFazio, 10.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Saensak Muangsurin beat Lion Furuyama, 15, Retained W.B.C. junior welterweight title.
Saoul Mamby drew with Harold Weston, 10.
Jimmy Heair beat Javier Muniz, 10.
Dale Hernandez stopped Jose Gonzalez, 9.
Robert Gambino W.F. over Pierre Petit, 6.
Alan Marion beat Siki Sow, 8.
Joe Castillo decisioned Baron Hernandez, 6.
Efisio Pinna defeated Luciano Laffranchi, 8.
Ron Branch drew with Ron Pettigrew, 5.
Carlos Vasquez beat Dave Kibby, 6.
Gilbert Galvan outpointed Tom Pinner, 10.
Al Franklin beat George Anderson, 10.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Vilomar Fernandez outpointed Ray Lampkin, 10, Lampkin kayoed Miguel Estrada, 3.
Bobby Chacon halted Concepcion Martinez, 10, Gene Prado, 5.
Nacho Jimenez beat Basilio Orantes, 10.
Domenico Radicioni decisioned Carmine Zollo, 6.
Manny Lopez beat Alex Rodriguez, 4.
Frankie Santore stopped Robert Spencer, 3.
Giancarlo Usai halted Ali Issaoui, 1.
Vincenzo Burgio kayoed Giovanni Maiorano, 6.
Jerome Artis outpointed John Copeland, 10.
Dom Monaco beat Johnny Summerhayes, 10.
Termite Watkins kayoed Chamaco Cuenca, 5.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Alfredo Escalera stopped Jose Fernandez, 13, W.B.C. junior lightweight title.
Tyrone Everett beat Rosalio Mura, 10.
Billy Abel kayoed Bobby Drew, 1.
Nevio Carbi halted Guiseppe Agata, 4.
George Cotin stopped Raul Rourre, 6.
Walter Seeley kayoed Carlos Duprey, 8.
Ronnie McGarvey halted Mimin Becerra, 7.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Vernon Solis halted Francisco Villegas, 7.
Rodolfo Sanches beat Antonio Donoso, 8.
Guy Caudron outpointed Murphy Ragga, 10.
Luigi Zanghi defeated Natale Caredda, 8.
Michel Siracusa beat Daniel Vermandere, 10.
Laurent Bazie outpointed Ernesto Miranda, 8.
Salvatore Belluzzo W.F. over Pasquale Arini, 3.
Lynwood Snowden stopped Antonio Rivera, 3.
Rocky Smith defeated Bubba Thompson, 10.
Adbul Bey stopped Saksit Salelanont, 10.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Heleno Ferreira drew with Paul Ferreri, 10.
Sean O'Grady kayoed Luis Martinez, 1.
Attemio Jeronimo halted Hoe Guevara, 10.
Rodolfo Martinez beat Venice Borkorsor, 15, W.B.C. bantamweight title.

FLYWEIGHTS

Franco Udella beat Fritz Chervet, 15, E.B.U. flyweight title.

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Roelands Takes Euro Crown

Loucif Hamani, an Algerian based in France, scored a ten round decision over U.S.'s Emile Griffith, left, in Paris.

BERLIN. Boxing in Belgium has come on a ton in the last twelve months and at one time it was possible for the country to collect three European crowns. Unfortunately, Fred DeKerpel failed to dethrone European light heavyweight champion, Domenico Adinolfi, Italy, in April of last year and then Jean Pierre Coopman rather foolishly turned down a heavyweight title match with Britain's Richard Dunn to face Muhammed Ali for the latter's world crown. He had more chance of beating Dunn than stripping Ali of his world title, but then purse money was the deciding factor. Another Belgium, Fernand Roelands, however, has rewarded those in his country who have put boxing back on its feet again, by winning Ken Buchanan's vacated lightweight crown by outpointing Frenchman Andre Holyk over fifteen rounds. Belgium has been without a European title for nearly fourteen years.

The French Federation have fined Gratien Tonna 10,000 francs and suspended him for a year following his KO defeat by WBA champion Carlos Monzon, in Paris, on December 13th last. Tonna was counted out on his hands and knees but claimed that he had been fouled with a blow that landed behind his ear. Now the Federation says that they did not recognise the fight between Monzon and Tonna as for the WBA middleweight title. They saw it only as a fifteen round eliminator!

38 year—old Emile Griffith visited Paris a fifth time and was outscored by youngster named, Loucif Hamani, an Algerian based in France, over ten rounds. Griffith still feels he can take Elisha Obed's WBC junior middleweight crown, while Hamani is already throwing out a challenge to WBC middleweight champion, Rodrigo Valdes.

European bantamweight champion, Daniel Triolaire, France, has made two defences since winning his crown in February last year, and both ended in a draw at the expense of Britain's Dave Needham and Paddy Maguire, who both claimed afterwards that they should be wearing the Frenchman's crown. As I have often said it is hard to believe that two men can be all square after fifteen rounds.

Italy could have another Primo Carnera in the making. His name is Romeo Malgarini who has captured the Italian amateur title after only 13 contests. Malgarini who comes from the outskirts of Brescia, weighs 105 kilos and stands 2.03 meters tall.

The new KO matador from Yugoslavia, Mate Parlov, continues to make the grade in the professional ranks and he could soon be challenging Italian, Domenico Adinolfi, for the latters European light heavyweight title. In a recent bout in Trieste he kayoed American, Mack Foley in two rounds. Foley fell out of the ring and failed to get back inside the ropes again. Parlov won the European amateur light heavyweight title in Madrid 1971 and in Belgrade 1973. He won a gold medal at the Munich Olympics 1972 and won the world amateur crown at Havana in 1974. The only other Yugoslavian to hold a European title in the professional ranks was Yvan Prebeg who won the light heavyweight crown beating Britain, Eddie Avoth, in Zagreb, on June 28, 1969. He lost his title to Piero del Papa, Italy, on Feb. 6, 1970, in Milan. Prebeg also met German, Karl Mildenberger, for the latters heavyweight title on 15 June 1966, in Frankfurt, but lost on points.

European junior lightweight champion, Svein Erik Paulsen, Norway, has vacated his title and moved up among the light weights. Paulsen's only defeat in 18 professional bouts was a stoppage in a world title fight with WBC champion, Alfredo Escalers. Three other European titles are also vacant, heavyweight, middle and welterweight.

Congratulations to 55 year-old referee, Harry Gibbs, of Great Britain, who has received the OBE in the New Years honour lists. Harry Gibbs has been in charge of over fifteen world title fights which include the Ali—London, Monzon—Bouttier and the Monzon—Bogs contests. He flew to Manila last year as stand in referee for the Ali—Frazier thriller.

FRANCE

▲ **Charleville** Light heavyweight. Christian Poncelet outscored Sjimmy Verstappen, ten.

▲ **Dunkirk** Jacques van Mallaerts won the vacant French welterweight title beating Guy Vercoutter, the towel being thrown in during round two. Junior welterweight. Jo Kimpuani beat Jean Marie Continaut, KO1.

▲ Douai Jean Claude Warusfel held on to his French junior middleweight title outscoring Marcel Gioranella, Twelve. Featherweight. Guy Caudron beat Isidoro Barbera who retired with a cut eye in round four.

▲ **Sedan** Light heavyweight. Gerald Bois outscored Christian Perical, Six.

▲ **Fresnes** Junior welterweight. Jean Pierre Younsi outscored Antoine Capuano, eight. Middleweight. Michel Dylhaitys beat Manuel Vaz Joacquim, TKO3.

▲ **Nouex Les Mines** Jun welterweight. Jean Claude Vanderbreght outscored Ernest Andalon, eight.

▲ **Hautemont** Jean Claude Tellier outscored Alain Salmon, TKO4.

▲ **Paris** Welterweight. Louis Acaries beat Gus Bleus, TKO5. Junior welterweight. Claude Lormeau outscored Jean Claude Sider, eight.

▲ **Cluses** No British boxer has ever won a European crown on the continent but Paddy Maguire, like Walter McGowan and Dave Needham came very close in doing so. Maguire like the two other Britain's shared the p-oints with a foreigner and as always when points are shared the cahmpion is happy in retaining his crown and the challenger feels he was robbed by a home town decision. In this recent bout 27 year-old, Paddy Maguire travelled to France to face European bantamweight champion, Daniel Trioulaire, in a local gymnasium with less than two thousand present. Referee, Angelo Poletti, Italy, and judge, Julian Risotto, Spain, made it a draw, 144-144 while Franz Gaston, Luxembourg, had Trioulaire in front by one point.

The Frenchman who won the crown beating Bob Allotey, Spain, in February 1975, made a defense in February last year against Britain, Dave Needham, with the points being shared. In round 13 Trioulaire took a hard punch from Maguire and was given a standing count of eight. I find no rule in the book that entitles a third man the right to enforce a count while the boxer is still on his feet. Had Trioulaire been decked the third man would have then been entitled to take up the count. This move by the referee gave the Frenchman a chance to recover and escape a critical situation. Drawn verdicts have always been a menace to the sport and in this case a return is justified and should take place without delay.

With such a small crowd, promoter Jean Claude Bouttier still made a profit of a few francs. The bout was brought live on TV in France which made up for the empty seats in this strange venue. The 28 year-old Trioulaire has now won 18 and drawn 2 of his twenty professional fights.

Other results. Junior middleweight. Gerard Nosley beat Kabangu, KO6. Junior welterweight. Pascal Real Martin beat Daniel Brun who retired in round three with a cut eye.

▲ **Paris** Claude Martin, France, outscored British middleweight, Alec Tompkins, over ten rounds. A right cross hurt Martin in round eight. Junior welterweight. Jean Baptiste Piedvache outscored nAmerican, Mike Mayon, ten rounds.

▲ **Paris** Twenty five year-old French based Algerian, Loucif Hamani, outscored veteran American, Emile Griffith over ten rounds. It was only Griffith's 20th defeat in 101 bouts while Hamani was having his 12th contest in the paid ranks. On Mar. 12th, 1973, Emile Griffith drew a ten rounder in Paris against Frenchman, Nessium Cohen and the American had been boxing for eleven years and this was his 92nd bout. On the same programme Hamani was making his professional debut and lost on points to Frenchman, Daniel Martin. Few would have thought then that three years later Griffith's and Hamani would be exchanging punches in the same ring. Hamani had quite a successful amateur career losing only five of his 135 bouts. As a professional he has lost only one of his twelve outings. Ten were won inside the distance.

SWITZERLAND

▲ **Geneva** Junior middleweight. Vinente Ungaro beat Fernand Bankaert, TKO5

BELGUIM

▲ **Eupen** Freddy DeKerpel won the vacant Belgian light heavyweight title beating Christian Mossoux who retired in round eight with cut eyes.

ITALY

▲ **Reggio Emillia** Light heavyweight. Mate Parlov outpointed Onelio Grando, eight. Welterweight. Luis Acosta beat Kagir Yuceler, TKO5. Welterweight. In a competition Paolo Zanusso outscored Mario Calzone, four. Ali Kaya outpointed Luigi Martello, four. Zanusso beat Kaya TKO4 in the final. Lightweight. Palmiro Masala beat Giuseppe Martucci the latter retiring with a cut eye in round two.

▲ **Bologna** Junior welterweight. Oscar Aparico beat Piero Ceru, TKO5. Cruiser competition. Gino Freo beat Leopoldo Cenorrino, TKO1. Christiano Cavina decisioned Giovani Bertini, four. Freo won the final outscoring Cavina over four rounds.

▲ **Milan** Junior lightweight. Mario Redi and Franco Diana drew their ten rounder. Junior welterweight. Efisio Pinna beat Antonio Chiodoni, TKO4. Guiseppe Russi outscored Giovanni Maiorano, eight.

▲ **Brescia** Featherweight. Ambrogio Mariani outscored Lucio Vailati, eight. Middleweight. Elia Bettinsoli outscored Gabriele Lazzari, eight.

▲ **Forli** Featherweight. Luigi Zanghi outscored Tony Pocai, eight.

▲ **Rimini** Lightweight. Giancarlo Usai beat Carlo Frassinetti who was disqualified in the fourth. Welterweight. Italo Venturi beat Guido Galletti who was disqualified in the fifth. Junior welterweight. Luciano Laffranchi beat Giamaolo Mereu, TKO1.

▲ **Milan** Lightweight. Giancalo Usai outscored Giuseppe Minotti, ten.

▲ **Campione** 28 year-old, Franco Udella retained his European flyweight title outscoring his six year older challenger, Fritz Chervet, Switzerland, over fifteen rounds. Udella was decked by a right in round two. The Italian is the 36th champion in this division and this was the 92nd European flyweight title contest. Promoter was Italian, Tana who secured the bout for 72050 Swiss francs.

SPAIN

▲ **Zaragoza** Former WBC junior welterweight champion, Perico Fernandez, Spain, beat Miguel Araujo, Brazil, KO1. Spanish junior welterweight champion, Mariano Perez beat Antonio Navarra, TKO3 to retain his title.

▲ **Madrid** Junior welterweight. Antonio Navarra beat Pedro Sanchez who was disqualified in round three.

▲ **Oviedo** Junior welterweight. Jose Ramon Gomez Fouz beat Charles Almeida, KO3. In light. Jose Ramon Cabanin beat Abu Arrow who was disqualified in round three.

▲ **Santa Cruz** Spanish Junior middleweight champion, Dum Dum Pacheco retained his crown beating Moises Fajar, TKO2. Featherweight. Ramiro Marichal outscored Jose nBisbal, eight.

▲ **Alicante** Spanish flyweight champion, Pedro Molledo lost his crown to Mariano Garcia on points over twelve rounds. Featherweight. Gitano Jiminez beat Antonio Ruiz outscored Abu Arrow, eight.

BELGUIM

▲ **Mouscron** Junior middleweight. Francis Vermandere outscored Daniel Martin, ten. Giovanni DeVita outpointed Gilbert Cnudde, six.

▲ **Kalken** Bantamweight. Jean Piere Meganck outscored Angelo D'Aleo, six.

▲ **Gits** Light heavyweight. Franklin Arrindel beat Eric Seys, KO4.

▲ **Brugge** Belgium has been without a European champion for nearly fourteen years. The last champion was Pierre Cossemns who lost his bantamweight crown to Piero Rollo of Italy at Brussel;s on 13th April 1962. Fernand Roelands has broken the spell by winning Ken Buchanan's vacated title outscoring Frenchman, Andre Holyk over fifteen rounds at Brugge. Thirty eight times Belgian boxers have faced Frenchmen in European contests winning 18, losing 17 and drawing three. Belgian fighters have been involved in 160 European contests and have won 81, lost 65 and drawn 14. These contests produced 24 Belgian champions with Gustav Roth winning three, light heavy, middle and welter crowns and Jean Sneyers collecting the flyweight, Bantamweight and featherweight titles. Two other Belgian boxers have won the European lightweight title, Franco Sybille 1929 and Kid Dussart 1949.

Pierre Charles won the heavyweight title on February 3, 1929, beating Ludwig Haymann, Germany, on points at Dortmund and reigned until August 30, 1931, when he lost to Hein Muelier, Germany, in Berlin. In a return the following year Charles regained his crown. Charles then lost to Spaniard Paoline Uzcudin in 1933, but won the title a third time by beating Vincent Hower in Berlin on June 21, 1935, only to lose it two years later to German Arno Kolblin. From 13 title fights Charles won ten and lost three.

Peter Hobin, Gustav Roth, Adrien Anneet and Felix Woutters held the welterweight crown between for fourteen years. Hobin had 8 title fights winning 5 and drawing 3, and Roth won the crown on October 19, 1929, and lost it on October 26, 1932. He had 14 welter title fights, won 11, D 2 and lost 1. Woutters had 8 title bouts, W4, D1, L3. Bantamweight champion, Nicolas Biquet had 11 European title fights winning 7 and losing 4. Middleweight champion, Cyrille DeLannoit will be remembered for his two bouts with Marcel Cerdan of which he won and lost one.

We should not forget those who fought for but lost European title contests. There was heavyweight Jack Humbeck who drew a twenty rounder with Erminio Spalla of Italy; light heavy Jack Etienne who lost to Michele Bonaglia, Italy, twice, was also defeated John Anderson, Sweden. There was also Paul Goffaux and Leon Steyaert. Middleweights were Jim Tyncke, Leon Fouquet and Bep van Klaveren; welterweights Leon Darton, who lost to fellow countryman, Peter Hobin, Alf Genon and Gustav Roth. Camille Desmedt, Adrien Anneet, and Emile Delmine all had their chance. There was lightweight Raymond Renard and Joseph Preys, who failed on four occasions losing to Roberto Proiette twice, Billy Thompson, Britain, and Frenchman Emile Dicristo. Preys also lost a featherweight engagement. Jr. light Jean de Keer lost twice and also failed to win the featherweight title. In the feather division Julien Verbist lost to Jose Girones of Spain. Joe Cornelis, bantamweight and Joseph Horny, flyweight, both failed in Euro title attempts.

SWITZERLAND

▲ **Geneva** Frenchman, Jean Mateo beat Larry Paul, Britain, in two rounds. Paul did well in the opening round and looked set for victory, but in the second Mateo landed a left to the Britains body which forced Paul to take a mandatory count of eight. On rising, a left hook to the jaw dropped Paul for a count of nine and on rising the third man called halt.

EUROPEAN RATINGS

Heavyweights
Title vacant
1. Jean Pierre Coopman (B)
2. Bernd August (G)
3. Dante Cane (I)
4. Benito Penna (I)
5. Lorenzo Zanon (I)
6. Alfio Righetti (I)
7. Bjorn Rudi (N)
8. Bepi Ross (I)
9. Manuel Urtain (S)
10. Mario Baruzzi (I)

Junior middles
Vito Antuofermo (I) Champion
1. Eckhard Dagge (G)
2. Antonio Cassellini (I)
3. Jose Duran (S)
4. Franz Csandl (A)
5. Mimoun Mahater (S)
6. Dum Dum Pacheo (S)
7. Jean Claude Warusfel (F)
8. Moises Fajardo (S)
9. Damiano Lassandro (I)
10. Aldo Bentini (I)

Lightweights
Fernand Roelands (B) Champion
1. Svein Erik Paulsen (N)
2. Giancarlo Usai (I)
3. Andre Holyk (F)
4. Antonio Puddu (I)
5. Vincent Quero (I)
6. Jernimo Lucas (S)
7. Rosario Sanne (I)
8. Isidoro Cabeza (S)
9. Claude Lormeau (F)
10. Giancarlo Barabotti (I)

Light heavies
Domenico Adinolfi (I) Champion
1. Aldo Traversaro (I)
2. Harold Skog (N)
3. Freddy DeKerpel (B)
4. Leo Kakolewicz (G)
5. Mate Parlov (Y)
6. Christian Poncelet (F)
7. Ennio Cometti (I)
8. Francisco Fiol (I)
9. Rudi Lubbers (H)
10. Yannick Dufour

Welterweights
Title vacant
1. Bruno Arcari (I)
2. Mario Scano (I)
3. Domenico DiJorio (I)
4. Guiseppe Russi (I)
5. Giovanni Molesini (I)
6. Georges Warusfel (F)
7. Nicola Sassanelli (I)
8. Jorgen Hansen (D)
9. Antonio Chiodoni (I)
10. Jacques van Mellaerts (F)

Junior lights
Title vacant
1. Natale Vezzoli (I)
2. Giuseppe Mura (I)
3. Franco Diana (I)
4. Giovanni Girgenti (I)
5. Rudi Haeck (B)
6. Ugo Poli (I)
7. Michele Siracusa (I)
8. Georges Cotin (F)
9. Rodolfi Sanchez (S)
10. Luis Aisa (S)

Middleweights
Title vacant
1. Gratien Tonna (F)
2. Max Cohen (F)
3. Jean Mateo (F)
4. Frank Reiche (G)
5. Angelo Jacopucci (i)
6. Roberto Benacquista (I)
7. Jose Hernandez (S)
8. Trento Fachiocchi (F)
9. Poul Knudsen (D)
10. Germando Valsecchi (I)

Junior welters
Cemal Kamaci (T) Champion
1. Perico Fernandez (S)
2. Jose Gomez Fouz (S)
3. Romano Fanali (I)
4. Bruno Freshi (F)
5. Jean Saadli (F)
6. Jean Baptiste Piedvache (F)
7. Primo Bandini (I)
8. Miguel Velasquez (S)
9. Ernesto Bergamesco (I)
10. Jesus de la Rosa (S)

Bantamweights
Daniel Trioulaire (F) Champion
1. Salvatore Fabrizio (I)
2. Ambrogio Mariani (I)
3. Guy Caudron (F)
4. Fernando Bernandez (S)
5. Luigi Tessarin (I)
6. Jacky Bihin (F)
7. Teodoro Coralli (I)
8. Rodriquez Figueroa (S)
9. Bob Allotey (S)
10. Lucio Vailati (I)

Flyweights
Franco Udella (S)
1. Franco Sperati (I)
2. Fritz Chervet (Sd)
3. Franco Buglione (I)
4. Emilio Pireddu (I)
5. Daniel Charvet (F)
6. Dominique Cesari (F)
7. Tarcisio Boi (I)
8. Altero Marini (I)
9. Claudio Tenda (I)
10. Mariano Garcia (S)

Featherweights
Elio Cotena (I) Champion
1. Albert Amatler (F)
2. Nevio Carbi (I)
3. Sergio Emilio (I)
4. Nino Jiminez (S)
5. Manuel Masso (S)
6. Enzo Farinelli (I)
7. Gino Jiminez (S)
8. Ramon Garcia Marichal (S)
9. Pasqualino Morbidella (I)
10. Jose Bisbal (S)

European Champion
Legend: B Belgium: D Denmark: F France: Fn Finland: G Germany: GB Great Britain: H Holland: I Italy: L Luxenbourg: Ny Norway: S Spain: Sd Switzerland: Sw Sweden: Y Yugoslovia.

ARGUELLO DECISIONS TORRES IN 10

By Eduardo Amer

Mexicali, Baja California — Alexis Arguello, of Nicaragua, WBA featherweight champion, decisioned Jose Torres, 125, in ten. Rafael "Bazooka" Limon, 127, bested Vincente "Yambito" Blanco, 125, of Nicaragua, in 10. Carlos Mendoza, 125, of Panama, technically stopped Salvador "Lobo" Lozano, 125, in four. Mario "Zurdo" Mendez, 133, TKO'ed Manuel Castillo, 134, in the opening round. Victor Cortes, 119, TKO'ed Tony Escobar, 118, in three.

▲**Merida, Yucatan** — Gustavo "Guty" Espadas, 112, demolished Orlando Hernandez, 111, of Costa Rica, in the very first round. Freddy Hernandez, 112, of Colombia, TKO'ed Freddy Castillo, 111, in five. Romulo Cortes, 117, embalmed Esteban "Gallito" Gonzalez, 118, in 2. Lonny Pacheco, 122, lost to Eloy "Zorrita" Yepez, 126, in ten. Jose Zapata, 117, and Jose Cabrera, 116, drew in six.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Alfredo Pitalua, 128, of Colombia, halted Macario Jiminez, 126, in two. Jesus Torres, 136, TKO'ed Lupe Hernandez, 132, in 2. Federico Carreno, 113, TKO'ed Mauro Gonzalez, 119, in one. Gabriel Bernal, 110, TKO'ed Rodolfo "Chamaco" Lopez, 112, in seven. Fili Gonzalez, 114, TKO'ed Manuel Avila, 109, in 1. Roberto Ramirez, 116, whipped Jose Luis Laines, 120, in four.

▲**Chetumal, Quintana Roo** — Jose Luis "Chamaco" Cetina, 112, nailed "Lobito" Trujillo, 113, in six. Alfredo "Chamaco" Rodriguez, 111, KO'ed Jose Luis Martinez, 112, in 4.

▲**Apatzingan, Michoacan** — Jose Figueroa, 149, TKO'ed Gustavo Garcia, 148, in the tenth and last round.

▲**Tijuana, Baja California** — Manuel "Topo-gigio" Vazquez, 113, easily outpointed Fernando Gomez, 117, in ten. Salvador Avendano, 112, stopped Nacho Rivera, 112, in two.

▲**Reynosa, Tamaulipas** — Guadalupe "Cubano" Hernandez, 116, defeated Lorenzo "Halimi" Gutierrez, 117, in ten.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Serfio Lozano, 158, TKO'ed Carlos Obregon, 157, of Colombia, in 8. Salvador Sanchez, 117, TKO'ed Juan Granados, 117, in 3. Juan Sarmiento, 133, TKO'ed "Cuevo" Jonapa, 135, in 7. Jose Sosa, 110, TKO'ed Lamberto Basurto, 111, in five. Miguel Angel Juarez, 125, TKO'ed Lorenzo Garcia, 125, in one.

▲**Apatzingan, Michoacan** — Eliseo Cosme, 125, bested Candido Sandoval, 125, in ten. Alejandro Davilla, 117, and Tony Sanchez, 117, no contest in 6.

▲**Tapachula, Chiapas** — Ricardo Arredondo, 146, stopped Eleuterio Hernandez, 136, in five. Manny Gomez, 126, TKO'ed Sixto Perez, 125, in 2.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Rosalio Badillo, 125, TKO'ed Ruben Garcia, 124, in five. Miguel "Ranchero" Fernandez, 112, beat Javier Solis, 111, in ten.

▲**Ario De Rosales, Micoacan** — Juan Coupa, 119, bested Pedro Rodriguez, 124, in ten.

▲**Mazatlan, Sinaloa** — Antonio Becerra, 118, outscored Francisco Javier Nunez, 118, in 10.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Carlos Saldivar, 126, bested Chucho Aparicio, 126, in ten. Jose Gonzalez, 116, TKO'ed Joel Valdez, 117, in 4. Jose Mendez, 123, TKO'ed Mario Alvarado, 124, in 5.

▲**Halacho, Yucatan** — Luis "Pajarito" Aguilar, 110, decisioned Raymundo "Baby" Valdez, 111, in 6. Jose "Pelucas" Garcia, 112, defeated Wilbert Canche, 111, in six.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Ney Gordillo, 126, TKO'ed Alfredo Pitalua, 124, of Colombia, in 8. Roberto "Indio" Toxtle, 125, iced Cosme Corcuera, 125, in one. Raul Decaro, 121, and Fidel Trejo, 117, technically drew in seven. Amado "Panterita" Ursua, 111, TKO'ed Porfirio Perez, 111, in one.

▲**Oaxaca** — Jorge Morales, 126, TKO'ed Justo Garcia, 127, in 1.

▲**Quintana Roo** — "Pantera" del Carmen, 122, TKO'ed Juanito Huitel, 123, in six. David Raygozo, 112, KO'ed "Duende" Martinez, 112, in five.

▲**La Paz, Baja California** — Antonio Avelar, 112, whipped Angel Felix, 111, in 10. Nacho Beltran, 111, TKO'ed "Lobo" Aguilar, 111, in 5.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Mario Gatica, 112, TKO'ed Roberto Valenzuela, 111, in 5. Victor Presa, 107, was stopped by Gabriel Bernal, 111, in two. Arturo Sanchez, 124, TKO'ed Ruben Melendez, 124, in one.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Aurelio Muniz, 134, bombed Humberto Alcala, 135, in the very first round.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Juan Alvarez, 111, won an unpopular decision from Pedro Flores, 110, in ten. Ventura Perez, 134, flattened Andres Lobera, 134, in 2. Amado "Pantera" Ursua, 111, kayoed Gaspar Meza, 111, in two. Rodrigo Flores, 133, won over Chucho Torres, 134, in 6. Miguel Angel Juarez, 124, TKO'ed Victor Olvera, 124, in two.

▲**Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas** — Fernando Montes, 197, easily outpointed Enrique Schon, 193, in ten.

▲**Pachuca, Hidalgo** — "Casanovita" Mendez, 124, TKO'ed "Canelo" Salinas, 125, in two.

▲**Apatzingan, Michoacan** — Salvador "Chino" Martinez, 112, whipped Jose Bautista, 112, who was unbeaten in 15 fights. Memo Ayala, 121, TKO'ed Juan Espinosa, 123, in three.

▲**Nogales, Sonora** — Julio Leal, 124, knocked out Sebastian Echegaray, 125, in eight.

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OLD BROADWAY

(Continued from page 38)

Mike Morton, Portland, Oregon, originally from Brooklyn, manager of U.S. lightweight king, Ray Lampkin, made a trip to the RING office before Ray's bout in Madison Square Garden against Vilomar Fernandez. With Mike and Ray was Lampkin's trainer, Chuck Lincoln. Lampkin's other trainer, Bill Snyder, stayed in Portland with Morton's #10 ranked light heavyweight, Mike Colbert, who was boxing Ruby Cruz in Seattle four days after the Lampkin-Fernandez contest.

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Joe Frazier, former world's heavyweight champion, is busy filling engagements. He was on the dais of both the Max Kase B'nai B'rith silver anniversary affair at the Hotel Roosevelt and at Bill Gallo's National Sports Cartoonist action in the Hotel Commodore a few nights later, along with many other luminaries from the sports world. Frazier has lost none of his popularity.

At the 25th get together at the Max Kase Lodge of the Bill Corum awards dinner, besides Frazier, on the dais were Trainer-Manager Eddie Futch, and brother Tom Frazier, John Condon, of Madison Square Garden, and Murray Goodman. Among other sports luminaries like baseball's Bob Feller, Al Schacht, Hank Greenberg, Whitey Ford, Ralph Kiner, new Hall of Famers Bob Lemon and Robin Roberts, as well as Earl the Pearl Monroe, A.A.U'S. Dan Ferris, and many others. M.C.'s. were Don Dunphy and Ken Smith, of Cooperstown Baseball's Hall of Fame, with Nat Holman, of the famous original Celtics receiving the second Max Kase award. On the dais, also, was Supreme Court Judge Michael M. Potoker, who also spoke.

Unusual to see the two Farleys, James A., Sr. and James A., Jr., occupying seats next to each other among the honored guests at the Cartoonists' annual get together in the Commodore Hotel, another smash hit. Honored guest was famous baseball umpire and speaker, Tom Gorman. Among the other dais dignitaries being, aside from those mentioned, top Referee Arthur Mercanti, Gabe Paul, president of the New York Yankees, Emile Francis, late coach of the Rangers, M. Donald Grant, of the Mets, Yours Truly, and several others including Monte Irvin, of the Commissioner's office, and the fine toastmaster, Bob Dunn. Another knockout.

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Visited our old neighborhood on the East Side, a stone's throw from where we were born at 53 Allen St., the guest of Mike Katz, the location the Arts for Living Center at 466 Grand St., adjacent to the Neighborhood Playhouse. It was a gathering of the Henry St. Old Timers, of which Mike, associated with Al Reid's VBA Ring #8, is Presidnet. The Reid crowd, with its standard bearer, helped fill the place.

Besides Al, present were Eddue Blunt, ex-middleweight king Ben Jeby, Tony Getz, Jerry Griff, Oscar Goldman, Nat Kowler, Jack Cohen, Phil Rutha, William and Irving Katz, President Katz of the Henry Street Old Timers, Ike Katz, Bell (Katz) Baxter, George Cohen, Izzy Grove, Howard Clark, Cyril Joseph, Dr. Lebowitz, Leo Tartakow, Danny Kapilow and Irving Newman. A few speeches, good good, with bagels, lox and cheese and a wonderful time by all. The East Side is all changed and hardly recognizable with the old structures down and new modern buildings erected. Mike Matz was the M.C. and the entertainer was Dave Kent. They do a great job for the east side needy, with hot lunches, etc.

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Odds and ends. Various communiques about the coming convention of ex-boxers sent out by Secretary General Audrey Jones, wife of the late RING staff man, Jersey. Also on the staff is Jerry Dunn, financial executive, Louis D'Arconte, and deputy Convention Organizer Joe Schabacker. Ex-light heavyweight champion, Tommy Loughran is President. Another note from Ralph Lake, 2144 Knorr St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, calling attention to the workings of the Veteran Boxers Associations, Inc., 1410 Tasker St., Philadelphia, the motto of the outfit being "Veteran Boxers Helping Kids Again." Tommy Morgano, former mitt-wielder, is president of this group.

Incidentally, the Loughran group have booked many get togethers in behalf of the betterment of boxing. Their motto is also "No man is as tall as when he stoops to help a child." They also have Xmas parties and other charitable affairs for the needy through the year. You have to salute such a group.

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A salute to Teddy Brenner for his excellent fistic card in the Garden. The surprise was substitute Bill Douglas, of Columbus, Ohio, filling in on a few hours notice for Tom Bethea, registering a win against promising young Pedro Sotov. . .Another unexpected but not too surprising win by Vilomar Fernandez, Bronxite, over Portland's Ray Lampkin, in the first of the quartette of tens. It was a fine evening's entertainment. Douglas who went into a kneeling position after the fight, like Tiger Flowers used to, to read the bible before his fistic scraps, received a standing ovation from the audience.

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Edgar Leslie, of music fame and a favorite among the Jack Dempsey crowd while his restaurant was operating, was a casualty. The 90 year old song writer, who was responsible for such hits as "Moon over Miami," "For Me and My Gal," and "I'm a Yiddisher Cowboy," among many others, was quite a sports figure.

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Last, but not least, Joe Visali, who retired from his barbering profession is still active in boxing. He has worked in corners with Ernie Terrell and Bob Stallings, beside many others, and also managed quite a few boys. On the Garden card Joe was one of the corner men behind Bill Douglas, the surpriser, and Larry Middleton, who ran second to Duane Bobick, Joe Frazier's white hope.

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As we completed our May story, we received word of the passing of Charlie Beecher, East Side feather of years ago, who was 77. Beecher fought the best in his day. His brother Willie, a lightweight, tangled with the standouts among the lightweights. Charlie was quite a boxer and the day Jack Dempsey kayoed Jess Willard for the heavyweight crown in Toledo he won an eight round no-decision affair from Joe Lynch, who later became the lightweight title holder.

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FAMOUS EX-BOXERS IN CHIPS IN LAS VEGAS

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virtually in the chips. Ex-middleweight contender who beat three world champions Joey Giambra is a handsome, square-jawed, unmarked former fighter whose bushy head has turned grey. Joey has turned author with his book, *Don't Count Me Out* a best-seller.

Giambra fought the top middleweights in the 50s and 60s like Sugar Ray Robinson, Bobo Olson, Carmen Basilio and Kid Gavilan. Joey quit boxing in the 60s because of too many personal problems. "When you're fighting, people always pat you on the back, but when you're finished, they've never heard of you," Giambra lamented." I found a friend who did remember. When I came to Las Vegas as a salesmen for a firm that went broke, the friend loaned me enough money to go through dealer's school. Later I got a steady job as a 21 dealer in Caesars Palace."

Today, Las Vegas is the home of former heavyweight champion Joe Louis, the official greeter and goodwill ambassador of Caesars Palace. Ex-welterweight king Jackie Fields is a greeter in the desert spa. Jackie fought Jimmy McLarnin, Mushy Callahan, Gorilla Jones, Lou Brouillard and Ben Jeby.

New Orleans born Ralph Dupas, a crack pugilist of the 50s and 60s, and Billy Peacock, a bantamweight champion from Los Angeles, are based in Las Vegas. Former Brown Bomber Joe Louis who ruled the heavyweights for over a decade is perhaps the most illustrious alumnus from cauliflower alley working in Caesars Palace. Louis travels the world for his employer and often attends conventions good-willing, taking pictures and signing autographs. Sometimes Joe dazzles his admires with tales of how he demolished the likes of Max Schmeling, Max Bear, Primo Carnera and Lou Nova. Old fighters never are forgotten, they just fade away and literally blackjack you to death in the gambling casinos of Las Vegas, where everybody is in the chips!

DOUGLAS AND FERNANDEZ WIN UPSETS OVER SOTO AND LAMPKIN

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and trained with a middleweight, instead of someone lighter and faster. I need a couple of more bouts and then I will be ready for Duran. Now maybe Duran will have the guts to box me after tonight's defeat."

A four round bout opened the card for the 8,435 fans, who paid $67,808 to watch the show. Pat Maloney, 150, New York, beat Donald Shamberger, 155, New York, via a decision.

MIKE ROSSMAN: MAZEL TOUGH

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against veteran Matt Donovan scoring knockdowns in the final 2 rounds. During the wild 9th and 10th rounds, Rossman's father was seen shadow boxing in the aisle throwing imaginary uppercuts—"Hit 'em Michael baby." In fact, he nearly floored the peanut vendor who was doubling as a frankfurter salesman, "Hey Hot Doggy here." One ringside savant said that Rossman's old man was rather quick for a fellow his age. In the dressing room after the fight, he cornered this writer in a vacant shower stall, exclaiming, "Listen, my kid's going all the way—they want him very bad in Miami Beach, you know."

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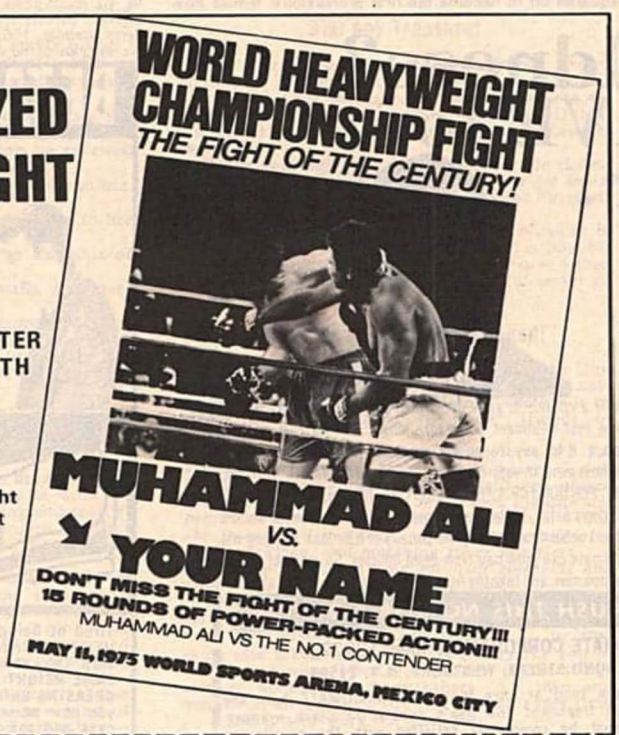

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By BILLY KOWALCZYK

It has been 38 years since the boxers of our great Nutmeg State has been allowed to compete for A.A.U. championship titles, and tonight, after that long and unfair waiting period, our Warriers put on a tremendous show en route to the crowning of 16 new Ring Kings. A throng of more than 2,000 hungry fight fans filled the Waterbury State Armory to capacity as Commissioner Ray Lord and Promoter Tony DelMonico combined their State and National A.A.U. forces to produce a heart-tingling tournament that will enable our titlists to carry the State flag (we hope) into the National Finals.

The very first bout, a fitting semi-final affair, saw Eddie Edwards, of the Bridgeport Police Youth Association, stop Joe Sarguari, a 165 pounder of New Britain, in just 30 seconds of round number two. That bout enabled Edwards to advance to a final championship bout later on this evening.

The second bout in the 125-pound class saw Robert LeRoy take a three-round decision over New Britain's Misal Delgado, and while doing so, made history as Connecticut's first A.A.U. champion.

Then Rick Cote, a tough 132-pounder from Norwich, really unloaded on Naugatuck's Paul Dennis, who weighed the same, and KO'd him in 5o seconds of round number Two. The new champ showed a lot of class and bears watching.

Doug Davis, of Norwich, became the 139-pound champion as he K.O.'d Trevor Martin, 140, of Hartford, in two minutes and thirty seconds of the second canto.

Bridgeport couldn't lose the welterweight title because both competitors, Miguel Sanchez and Johnny Milller, were from that city. It ended up in a dose one or two point decision with Miguel Sanchez winning the heart breaker and this championship. The new champ showed a lot of heart and determination, and this may have swayed the judges in his favor.

Hartford's Leroy Hollaway, a 178 pounder of the Clay Hill Section, lost to Tony Redford; the new king also weighed 178 pounds and was from the Bridgeport Police Youth Center, as Jackie Madox and Desi Clark did a fine job helping the new champion win his title.

The 165-pound class crowned Johnny Missirian, of Hartford, as champion because there were no challengers available at the time. The 165-pound title was won by Dave Carfo, of Bridgeport, as he K.O.'d fellow townsman, Kenny Edwards, in spectacular fashion at the two minute and fifteen second mark of round Two.

A great heavyweight match saw both contestants raging all over the ring, brutally battling each other long after the bell sounded; the vociferous crowd roaring their approval at the end of each round in this match.

The biggest State title of them all, that of heavyweight, was won by Naugatuck's Charlie Turek, as he mauled his way to a win over the saddened Jimmy Justice, who many thought had won. Justice, of Norwich, proudly put up the best performance of the evening, but as it goes you just can't dispute the scores of the appointed judges. Poor Jimmy will have to wait another year for that elusive crown.

J. D. Bar, Johny Duke's charge from the Belleview Boy's Club of Hartford, was crowned the uncontested 106 pound champion solely because there wasn't anyone good enough to dispute his claim.

Hartford's Miguel Quilles, whose manager is Hartford Attorney Mac Bukley, won the 112-pound title by battering Terry Pizzaro, also of Hartford, in three lively rounds. This is only one of the many sectional titles Quilles now holds, and according to Bukley he has an excellent opportunity to win a nomination for the Olympic trials to be held in 1976.

In the 113-pound class, the uncomparable Steve Hillard, of Johnny Duke's Belleview Square Boy's Club, made a shambles out of game, but outclassed Tito Colon, of Meriden, as he proved to be a master boxer and won handily. The new champ added still another trophy to his growing list of laurels.

Marcus Starks, of the Donny Nelson Memorial Club of Hartfodd, won his proteges old lightweight crown for himself and his friend the late, great Donny Nelson, as he easily outmastered Jerry Herring, of the Hartford Boy's Club, in three exciting rounds. For Mac Bukley's charge it was a step toward his real goal, that being Donny's professional State light weight title.

After losing the first round, Tony Moore, 138, of Hartford, came storming back to almost outpoint another Hartfordite, Herb Darity, but unfortunately he came back a little late and lost a disputed decision.

Marlon Sterling won the 147-pound crown from Darrel Reynolds, also 147, and likewise from Hartford, as he poured on unbelievable combinations and finally stopped his man in one minute and 52 seconds of round three.

In the 165-pound class Timmy Whelan, of Naugatuck, K.O.'d Kevin Walker, of Sommers, at one minute and 45 seconds of the second round. With this win he was crowned the middleweight champion.

Hose Serrano, 178, of Danbury, won that crown with a devastating two-round kayo at the one minute 54 second mark.

Calvin Langston, kayo's Harold Rolins, 179, of Hartford, in the third and final round to win the Heavy-Weight Championship, and thus brought to a climax a great and rewarding fight card.

▲Two out of state black women made boxing history at the Waterbury State Armory, Jan. 12, 1976 when they squared off to become the first professional female boxers ever to fight for money!! The manly art of self defense doesn't belong exclusively to the men any more, and it may prove to the advantage of the local promoters, as it did to Tony Paoli, Benny Singelton and Vito Tallarita, the promoters and matchmakers.

The women boxers wore a new kind of garb for this maiden voyage into the land of fisticuffs. The men chuckled as the obvious chest protectors protruded from the center of the heretofore man's ring. They wore other protection as well, and after the visual inspection by the vast audience things began to happen as the "Tiger" Marian Trimar, of New York City disrobed, and low and behold a shiney bald head emerged with a little bit of the Ali shuffle. This tore the house down. "Would you believe a bald headed broad," a fan exclaimed, chuckling histerically. Gwen Gemini, her oponent equally as colorful wore a bare midrift, and this, with the gals' skill kept the fans' interest, and that was the way it was all through the four round battle. This exhibition caught the happy mood of the crowd and they cheered the girls on with every swing and move.

So as the female species showed their skills and boxing ability it makes you wonder how long it will be before somebody's mother, sister or girl friend lays claim to a world boxing title and how they will fare in this injury riddled, sometimes brutal sport!!! Remember girls, the cuts, bruises, broken bones, scar tissues, califlower ears and the rest happen to most fighters at one time or another. Marion (Tiger) Trimar and Gwen Gemini will go down in state history as the first untouched, unscratched, and unhurt . . . female boxers ever to emerge from this four round battle as neat and petite as they did before it all started.

Camera men from the Mike Douglas show took pictures as well as the national net works, CBS, NBC, and ABC along with writers from all over the country. Newspapers, magazines, etc., etc., covered the big special.

In the feature bout of the evening young Vinny (Pooky) Debaros proved that his being stopped a while ago in a New England title fight with champion Franky Davilla was a huge mistake, and promptly displayed some new artilery as he demolished a hapless Bobby Guthridge with a pulverizing left hook that floored and took him apart at the one minute mark. He wisely took the nine count, but the enraged Debarros charged in like an enraged bull and threw countless punches without a return prompting. Walter Longo, the referee, called a halt to the affair and awarded Vinnie the well earned T.K.O. victory.

The other bouts were good to excellent as Bobby Medina, 143 of Brockton, Massachusetts, lost a heart breaker to local favorite Randy Milton of Somers. The 146 pound Milton didn't seem to be himself tonight, as Medina out manouvered and out fought him at every turn. But the final decision went to Randy Milton. That's the way the judges saw it.

Steve Toomey, 145, another local favorite fought a lack luster six round draw with Charley Benjamin of Enfield. In the opener, Johnny Harris, 157, of Springfield, Mass., kayoed Jerry Gardner, 156, of New York City, in one minute and fifty six seconds of the very first round of a scheduled sixer.

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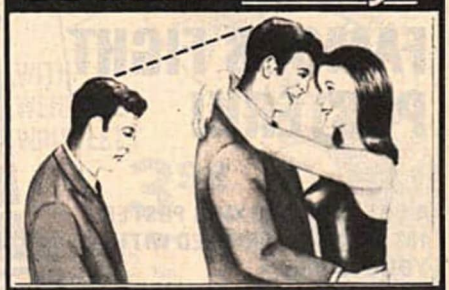

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BILLY BACKUS, BACK IN ACTION, BEATS RODRIGUEZ

By JIM LEO

Professional Boxing returned to Syracuse after a more than two year absence. The Canastota Boxing Club promotion featured former worlds welterweight champion Billy Backus. Billy, who had been appearing in European bouts was successful in the War Memorial Ring where he had won the title from Napoles, in December 1970. This time Billy showing some rustiness in his first outing in over six months pounded out a unanimous decision win over Pablo Rodriguez, out of Holyoke, Mass. Rodriguez, at 148, came to battle and it was an exciting bout as Backus was always there pressing the action. Billy, 148, also spilled Rodriguez in the second, but was gashed badly early in the scrap. Rodriguez was also cut. Though Backus caught a lot of blows he was never hurt. Rodriguez, seemed to show the effects of Backus's body barrages during the later rounds as Billy finished strong. Referee Milicich called it 8-2, while the judges saw it 6-2-2, and 6-3-1, for Backus.

Backus's manager Tony Graziano would like to see his charge against a strong contender, and the Canastota Boxing Club encouraged by the appreciative fans would like to bring Billy right back in another Syracuse bout.

In the prelims Syracuse's popular Johnny Harp, 148, made his return to Syracuse a winning one also as he outboxed crowd pleasing Terry Rondeau, 148, Pittsfield, Mass. over the six round route. John D'Amore, 172, Rome, N.Y., KO'd Cyclone Winters, 174, New York City at 2:09 of the second of a scheduled six.

Up and coming Pat Cuillo, 165½, Lockport, N.Y. made a hit with a KO win at 2:42 of the second over Phillip Allie, 167, Newark, N.J. Cuillo, is undefeated at 5-0. This was a 6 rounder.

In the opening six rounder, Ralph Racine, 131, Niagra Falls, won over Ron Merriweather, 134, Newark, in a real donnybrook. Both battlers received standing ovations after this one. Racine—5-0.

Considering that there was also a Golden Glove tournament in town on the same night, a good house of 1537 fans paid out $9300 for the well put together card of boxing.

▲At *Scranton, Pa.*, Christy Elliott, 165, Clifton, N.J., via Dublin, Ireland ran up his record to 17-1, as he stopped Rocky Holliday, 164, Wilkes Barre, Pa., at 1:26 of the third of a scheduled ten rounder. Elliot proved to be a good attraction to Scranton as he downed Holliday in the second and cut up his foe. Referee Hank Cisco halted the scrap. Christy showed good class and poise and should be back soon in Scranton rings.

In the second 10 of the three tenners, Mike Everett, 140, Philadelphia, was a winner over subbing Johnny Davis, 142, New York City. After being in command in the opening round Davis faltered and Mike came on. Everett came on scoring with good combinations, and after dropping Davis in the fourth, Referee Cisco decided Davis had enough and stopped it after 1:06 of the fourth. Everett now is 18-2.

The other ten saw a battle between heavyweights, as Pedro Agosto, 189, tough Puerto Rican battler stopped Billy Freeman, 182, from Norristown, Pa. Freeman became weary in the fourth as Agosto's left hooks and ripping uppercuts were slowing him down. In round seven Agosto's right hands sent Freeman to the canvas three times prompting Referee Joe Salci to stop the contest.

The prelims were both abbreviated battles. In a scheduled six rounder, Robert Hill, Norristown, at 190 wasted little time with a heavy Jimmy Reilly, 193, Luzerne. Hill dropped Reilly twice, with Jimmy slipping through the ropes the second time and onto to the floor. For Hill, a KO win after only 2:52 of the opening stanza.

In a four rounder Jerry Foley, 189, W. Scranton, in his debut KO'd Bob Silverman, 187, New York, with a left and right to the head at 1:17 of the first.

RUBEN CASTILLO UNDEFEATED SCRAPPER

By RALPH RYAN

Bakersfield. . .Ruben Castillo, under direction of Harold Cox, Bakersfield jeweler, is fast becoming known for his fistic prowess. The sturdy 126-pounder is undefeated and is now being tagged for 10-round matches.

Cox insists his scrapper will be appearing on a title fight card in Las Vegas, soon. The Mexican flash had a neat 'simon pure' record before becoming a pro. He was 41-1 in amateur ranks. Not too bad!!

The promotional combo of Peter Rokas and Pat DiFuria staged a corking fight on January 27th in Resno's Selland Arena. Bobby Chacon, on the comeback trail, met Gene Prado in the headline affair.

Whatever happened to John (Killer) Smith who once tried his hand at promoting professional fights in Bakersfield? Once a terror in the middleweight ranks, Smith for a while was associated with a Los Angeles air freight outfit.

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RINGSIDE WITH "SAILOR" DON SAUER

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Francisco County Sheriff's Dept., were wed recently in Virginia City, Nevada, with manager Ted Walker and femme middleweight Caroline Svendsen as attendants. . .Leroy Jackson, George Foreman's old pal and bagman from their Parks Job Corps days, is out as the ex-titleholders business manager, being replaced by Tom Collins, 29, who also acts as big manager for such as Bill Sharman and Lucius Allen. Sacramento promoter Babe Griffin has now fully recovered from his knee injury and raring to bring some real "names" in for his top shows he has planned for the California city this spring. . .Where did the winter go?. . .When the late Max Baer started fighting in 1929 he peddled shares of himself, soon selling for a pittance, more than 100 per cent of his contract. Ancil Hoffman was in for 25 per cent, together with manager Ham Lorimer's 33⅓. The four Jacklich Brothers of Oakland, California, bought ten per cent for $15,000. Court suits over this selling of flesh soon occupied much of Baer's money and time in court. Eventually, Hoffman and Baer bought out Lorimer for 50 grand and the courts threw out the Jacklich claim. Baer then placed himself in Ancil's astute hands and did alright for himself. Hoffman invested more than $200,000 of Baer's purses into annuities, so that later Max realized a monthly income of $2200 for life. Max died of a heart attack on November 21, 1959. . .Didjaknow that Max Schmeling's full name is Maxmillian Adolph Otto Siegfried Schmeling—known as the Black Uhlan??? It's men like Chuck Burkhardt, who use their past talents to help young ringsiders out today that are really something. Chuck did some leather-pushing in the early thirties, and is a former instructor of California Joe Lynch's Boxing School. He now referees fights for Olympic Boxing and trains and seconds amateur lads with big dreams for fame and fortune inside the hemp. Jerry Quarry, once a hot heavyweight contender who could never seem to win the big ones, is embarking on a career as a singer. He hated boxing and said, "It's a cruel, vicious sport". . .Could this be the reason that Jerry was never a champion??. . .Canadian promoter Vern Stevenson is real "hot" about the chances of lightweight Gaetan Hart who seems to have found himself, and could be challenging for a world title before this year is out. . .West Coast welterweight Pete Ranzany, who is presently sporting an outstanding ring record, is a 23 year old philosophy major at Consummes River College and is financed by ten businessmen each of whom chucked in one thousand. Pete gets $100 weekly from the group. Ray Kelly, Bob Johnson and Jack Levin are the trio who have just purchased the contract of Philly heavyweight Jimmy Young.

HEENAN-SAYERS 1860 FIGHT AROUSED CONTROVERSY

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Tom was near enough, the Boy lunged out his left, but Tom stopped him and got back. Heenan then closed, got well hold of him and threw the champion, falling heavily on him. Offers to take 2 to 1.

Round 3—After a lively fiddiing, Tom got too near to the big'un, who instantly slung out his left straight and full on the bridge of Tom's beak, knocking him off his pins. First knock down for Heenan.

Round 4—Sayers on coming up looked rather astonished, and his eyes blinked in the sun like a dissipated owl's. Heenan went at once to him at the scratch, dodged him and once more planted a heavy spank with the left, this time on the jaw, and down went Tom again.

Round 35—The Benicia Boy dashed viciously in and caught Tom on the snout, but the blow was without powder. Sayers retreated from the vigorous onslaught; Heenan followed, and got home on the jaw with his right, still with no effect. Sharp exchanges at close quarters ended in the downfall of Sayers.

Round 36—The Benicia Boy's face was a spectacle to behold, while Tom was very weak. Heenan rushed to close and caught Sayers round the neck, dragging him to the ropes. At this time the police, who had been gradually making their way to the ring, began a violent struggle to get close and put a stop to hostilities.

Round 37 and Last—Sayers was first up, and seemed the better man. He made his left twice on Heenan's eye, and the latter at length caught him round the neck at the ropes, and there held him. Sayers' efforts to extricate himself were in vain, but he administered severe punishment to the Boy's face.

The police at this time got closer. There was a rush to the ropes from all sides, and the referee ordered the men to stop fighting.

Immediately after this Heenan rushed away from the ring, and ran some distance with the activity of a deer, proving that as far as strength was concerned he was as fit as ever; but he had not been away from the ring many minutes before he was totally blind.

Sayers, although a little red, and suffering from his arm and the desperate hug in the 37th round, was also strong on his pins, and could have fought for some time longer.

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TONY GARDNER TAKES 15 ROUND DECISION OVER ROBERT "SONGBIRD" WILLIAMS

By TOM RAY

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. — Cityan Tony Gardner, making preparations for his titular clash with W.B.C. Jr. middleweight champion Elisha Obed, used a ramming left jab to retain his North American Jr. middleweight crown against challenger Robert "Songbird" Williams of Memphis on a fifteen round decision.

The bout, held at Oklahoma City's Red Carpet Inn, marked Gardner's first defense of his crown. The handsome Oklahoman won the title on a fifteen round TKO over Canadian Roy Christian in December 1974.

This was Gardner's third meeting with the Memphis veteran. The previous two contests, held early last year in Memphis, had Gardner the winner on unanimous decision. This time proved to be no exception.

After those two losses, Williams probably realized he didn't stand much of a chance to defeat Gardner and was content to merely keep from being halted.

As any boxing knowledgable will admit, the hardest man to stop is the seasoned chap who knows all the tricks and whose only desire to stay on his feet until the final bell.

So, as a result, the fans got to see a display of Gardner's vaunted punching power and still witness a fifteen round bout, albeit one-sided, in it's entirety.

Fighting out of a peek-a-boo stance, Williams, 151, refused to make himself a target for Gardner's powerful blows, so, it wasn't until the fifth that Tony was able to land a really stiff punch.

Gardner, 153, picked up the tempo in round six and began a two-fisted, ala Rocky Marciano attack against the man from Memphis. It paid off in the seventh when a strong right cross stunned "Songbird" and drove him into a corner. But, Gardner turned amateur and let his elusive challenger off the hook.

Over the next two rounds, Gardner continued his all-aggression attack and was surprisingly effective with a jarring left jab.

By the eleventh round, most of the spring had left Williams' legs and Gardner was able to catch him numerous times on the ropes, doubling his foe over with body shots and occasionally stunning him with short chops to the head.

Gardner launched an all out effort in the fifteenth to put the challenger away and shook him a couple of times but the ring-wise Williams always managed to stay out of harm's way until the bell.

Gardner, now 39-5 with 32 knockouts, is ranked number 10 in the world by the W.B.C. He will face Obed February 28, in the champ's hometown of Nassua in the Bahama Islands.

In a farcical co-main event, Oklahoma City's Sean O'Grady, the W.B.A.'s 9th ranked bantamweight, halted Kenneth Connors in only 1:28 of the first round. Connors, billed as from Washington, D.C., hit the deck after taking a sharp left to the body. He was counted out, eyes clear, on one knee.

A four round welterweight bout saw Billy Wilkerson, of Lexington, outpoint Bristow's Gary Maize in an upset and in a heavyweight clash, while pro debuting Danny Waters, of Minneapolis, battered Lexington's Marvin Griffin into a fourth round TKO defeat.

▲OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. — In a bout between two undefeated bantamweight prospects, Sean O'Grady, 120, of Oklahoma City scored a somewhat surprising first round knockout over San Antonio's Luis Martinez in the ten round main event at the Red Carpet Inn.

The bout saw O'Grady's record climb to 29-0 with 25 knockouts while Martinez' dipped to 18-1. It was O'Grady's final tune-up before he travels to Los Angeles to face sixth ranked featherweight Danny Lopez at the Forum.

Martinez, 117, came out at the opening bell looking like he intended to make a scrap of it, and for over a minute he held his own with the favored "Green Machine". However, a stiff right hand to the jaw dropped the Mexican for a nine count and seemed to take all the fight out of him.

The Latin got on the defensive, but was unable to hold off the fired up O'Grady, who landed a powerful solar plexis punch that stiffened Martinez for the count. So devastating was the punch that it took the visitor's corner nearly three minutes to get their charge to his feet.

In the ten round co-main event, "KO King" Tony Gardner, 152, of Oklahoma City met stubborn resistance from gutsy, but inexperienced Wayne Lewis, 161, of Midwest City before stopping his heavier foe in the fourth round.

Lewis, boxing in his first ten rounder, came out fighting in the first two rounds and gave Gardner a few problems, but by the third round the "KO King's" murderous body shots began taking effect. At the end of that session the weary, but still game Lewis hit the deck from a right to the side.

In the fourth, the writing was on the wall as Gardner hammered Lewis at will and dropped him for another nine count with a straight right. After Lewis rose, glassy eyed and on wobbly pins, referee James Williamson mercifully stopped it at 1:58 of the round.

Lewis, with only 12 professional bouts under his belt, should be applauded for the stand he took against the highly regarded Gardner. With proper matchmaking by his management, Lewis could go a long way.

In a featherweight six rounder, Midwest City's Rocky Smith won a close but unanimous decision over Tony Flores of San Antonio, and in a scheduled four, heavyweight George Palmer, former Oklahoma State University football star, needed but 38 seconds to defeat Louis "Piggy" Brown of Okmulgee.

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MARTINEZ NIPS BORKORSOR IN WBC BANTY TITLE GO

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to win the bantamweight title when he lost another split decision, this time to Rafael Herrera.

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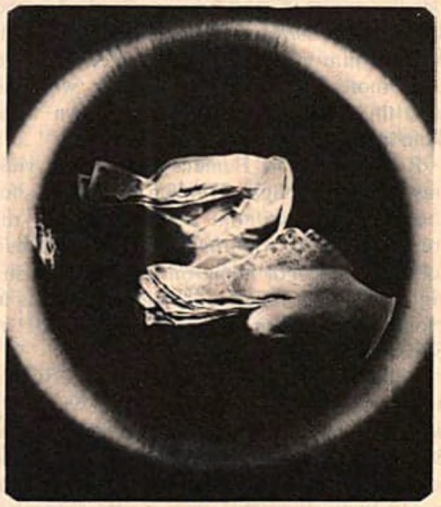

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RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ COMING ALONG

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(W5), and most recently Tommy Howard (W10). Rodriguez also had an eight round draw with Keith Averette in Chicago in February 1974.

His losses have been a four round knockout at the hands of Milwaukee's Billy Goodwin on March 8, 1972 in St. Paul, and two 10 round decisions to top contender Hedgemon Lewis. Rodriguez explains the Goodwin loss by saying, "I didn't train right for the fight. I took him too lightly because I had beaten him before. On the way to the ring I just didn't feel good, my hands weren't wrapped right, nothing went right for me in that fight." A rematch was arranged but Rodriguez took ill and it was cancelled.

Rodriguez, the man, does not drink or smoke, but like most men he loves women. He works on his manager's farm doing general farm labor. He likes music, horseback riding, swimming, playing softball, and is an all-around sports minded man.

As for an idol, Rodriguez has one of the best, Jose Napoles, the ex-world welterweight champion. When watching Rodriguez in the ring one can detect the Napoles influence in style. Rafael uses the center of the ring in the Napoles fashion.

When asked what was his toughest fight he did not hesitate, "Chuck Wilburn was my toughest fight so far." Wilburn stretched Rodriguez to the limit and cut both of Rafael's eyes. Only the great corner work of trainer Daszkiewicz kept the bout from being stopped in favor of Wilburn. Rodriguez won the ten round decision over Wilburn in St. Paul on June 17, 1974.

Rodriguez is a different fighter today than a few years ago. When asked what has caused the drastic change Rodriguez said, "I guess watching and learning from people showing me a little of this and that, putting it all together, and staying in condition so that you don't get winded." "What's your best punch Rafael?" "I'm working on the left hook now, but my best is the right, I know it's there."

Asked what he hoped to gain from boxing Rodriguez was very blunt. "Money is what I hope to gain. Not to be rich, but to be comfortable someday. If a little fame comes, it comes, it's not really important though."

Rafael hopes to be fighting more rated fighters soon so that he can make some money, as he puts it. But there is no one in particular he wants to meet.

Rodriguez gives credit for his boxing improvement lately to his brother Bobby and Joe Daszkiewicz. Rodriguez said, "Everything Bobby taught me before is all coming back. He worked hard with me. And Joe really helped too. It's all working into where it should be."

When questioned if there has been anyone who has left a lasting impression on him, Rodriguez thought for a long while before answering, "Luis Rodriguez (former welter champ), I would have liked to talk to him and get to know him. I met him in 1967 when I was in Miami."

In 1972, Rodriguez ran into a problem with the law. During a burglary, Rafael's brother-in-law was shot and killed by the police, and Rafael was caught. It was the start of a nightmare for Rodriguez, and it looked as though it was the end of his boxing career.

Rafael spent 17 months in St. Cloud Reformatory, not exactly a resort. Rodriguez tried to start a boxing program in jail, but had no luck with the authorities, so there was little chance to work on his boxing. The important thing for Rodriguez, as he put it was, "I made a mistake and I've paid the price. It won't happen again, I like it out here."

Much of the credit for the recent stride forward by Rodriguez must be given to trainer Joe Daskiewicz of Minneapolis. Since Daskiewicz came on the scene he seems to have installed something in Rafael that was missing in the earlier years of his career.

Minneapolis promoter Ron Peterson is very high on Rodriguez. "He trains real hard here at the Seven Street Gym. He runs all the time, eight miles a day, wind sprints, chops wood, etc. He works ten rounds a day." Peterson went on, "Rafael made a mistake in the past, but he's paid for it now, he doesn't drink or fool around or anything like that. He has learned and hasn't been in any trouble since."

Minneapolis, considered an outpost in the boxing world by many, has produced some pretty good fistic stars of late, Duane and Rodney Bobick, Pat O'Connor to mention a few. And to that list can now be added the name of Rafael Rodriguez.

Of course, whatever the future holds for Rodriguez in boxing is up to fate, and him. But if his present direction is any indication, Rafael should soon be crashing the ratings on his way to a shot at the welterweight championship. If determination and dedication is any rule of thumb, look to hear a lot more about Rafael Rodriguez soon.

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ORLANDO GENE WELLS DRAWS WITH MEDINA

By BART RIPP

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.—Junior middleweight contender Gene Wells of Orlando, Fla. came to mile-high Albuquerque for altitude training and left as low as a Death Valley roadrunner following a controversial draw with journeyman Vicente Medina of Tucson.

An excited throng of 2200 persons attended the Paul Chavez-Pete Ashlock promotion and they filled the ring with debris following the 10-round decision.

Judge Walter Geis scored the bout 99-96 Wells, judge Stan Gallup marked it 99-96 Medina, while referee Charlie Alderete knotted the problem by giving each fighter 96 points. This corner had Wells winning easily, 99-93.

"I was raped. All he (Medina) did was hit my gloves and the crowd went crazy every time," said Wells, 154½. "If you're gonna count hitting gloves, you might as well not even score the fight. The judging was ridiculous, a farce."

Medina, 156½, was more aggressive, but Wells neatly blocked most of the Tucsonian's punches. Wells repeatedly scored with straight, crisp overhand rights.

"It was a terrible decision. Wells won every round," said comebacking Bobby Foster, the former light heavyweight champion who has received Albuquerque justice in the past. Gallup was the only official to vote against Foster in the infamous draw with Jorge Ahumada in June of 1974.

Wells, ranked No. 3 among world junior middleweights by THE RING, is now 43-6-3.

Middleweight Edgar "Mad Dog" Ross, 153½, of Orlando, lived up to his nickname by knocking out Ruben Rascon, 153½, Tucson, at 2:58 in the second round of a scheduled eight-rounder. Ross showed no mercy and floored the helpless Rascon thrice in the second round.

In a spirited light heavyweight preliminary, Denver's Eric Sedillo, 175, knocked out Houston's Donnie Melancon at 2:49 of the third round. Sedillo, making his pro debut, clubbed Melancon, 171, to the canvas with a short, shattering right cross.

Tucson's Joe Castillo, 143, another fighter from the Beto Martinez stable, won a unanimous six-round decision over Baron Hernandez, 141, of Douglas, Ariz.

In a four-round opener, Manny Lopez, 132½, Tucson, took a unanimous decision from Alex Rodriguez, 132½, Phoenix.

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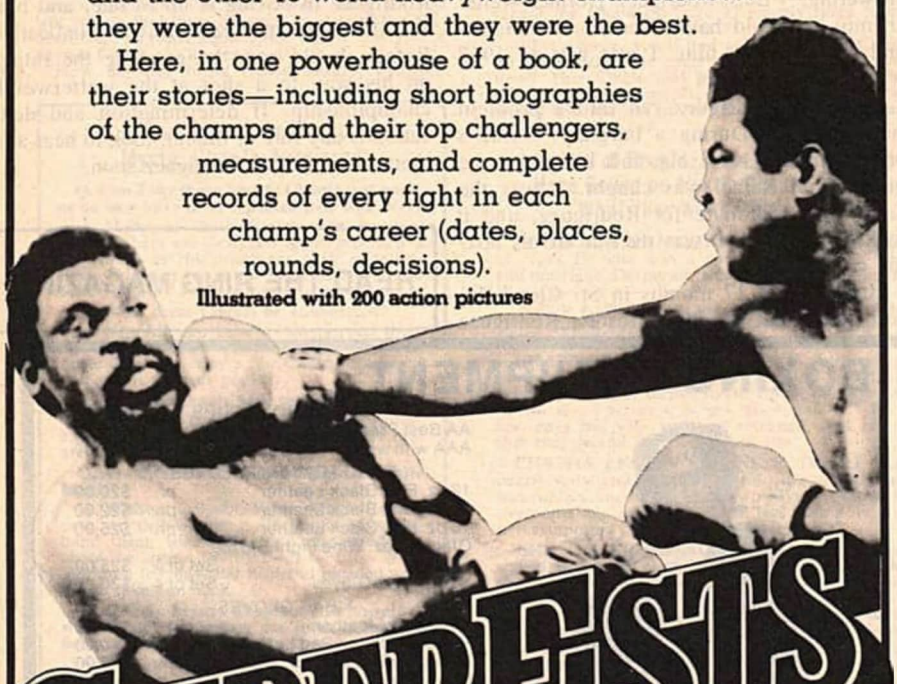

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TAKADA RETAINS ORIENT FLY TITLE OVER 12

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

Tokyo, Japan — A title competition that was staged here had lots of fight fans gather to see the local favorite's hot actions. The Japanese who retained the Orient title was Jiro Takada, flyweight puncher, outpointing Kim Hak-Yung, Korea, in 12 hairline rounds.

Having halted Nuru Hassim of Indonesia in the opening session of his previous defense in October, last year, Takada faced a taller, tough opposition. Kim was sharp and speedy, and annoyed the defending champ in earlier rounds. Moreover, Kim was a puzzling lefty, who had beaten Takada on points in Korea in $973. In spite of a lack of convincing power Kim knew how to outmaneuver the shorter puncher. Being counterpunched and outjabbed by Kim, the Japanese chased him to send one-twos that often missed. But as the contest progressed, Takada's combo began to catch the Fancy Dan due to Kim's fading mobility in comparison with his fine performance in the first five rounds.

Throughout the game Takada hardly retreated to throw straight punches, whether those might hit the fast target or not. When the affair was over, the decision was thought to be difficult. A split duke went to Takada, whose aggressiveness was evaluated by JBC officials. Shoichi Kato, the third man, and judge Takeaki Kanaya registered 58-57, both in the champ's favor. But Hiroyuki Tezaki scored it 57-56 for the crafty Kim, who suffered the fifth setback against 19 wins including 10 knockouts.

Takada, who turned the tables in the close rematch, upped his record to 27 wins with 12 kayos against 7 defeats and two draws. They both seemed to have a bright future about international campaigns. Though Takada was halted in 11 heats, he had an opportunity to battle Miguel Canto, Mexico, for his title in Merida City, last October. The Nipponese victor entered the ring at 112 pounds, the limit of the class, while Kim was one pound lighter.

▲**Kawasaki City** witnessed unbeaten junior flyweights compete to decide who should have a crack at Luis Estaban's WBC leadership. Hope Yoko Gushiken, 107¾, dropped Cesar Gomez Kee, Los Angeles, in the second and sixth rounds to stop him with a furious attack in the seventh canto. Kee, former AAU champion before he turned pro in 1973, was ballyhooed from his unblemished 11-0 record with 9 knockouts and expected to stand in a winner's corner. But Yoko, rising puncher at 20, displayed a fine punching to overwhelm the newcomer piloted by Harry Kabakoff.

Kee, 107½ pounds, was battered to sticks in the fatal round, when the ref declared a halt to award an important win to the Nipponese. Gushiken chalked up the 7th triumph and fourth kayo against no defeats.

▲Rated Shige Fukuyama's ambitious shot at David Kotey's featherweight title was postponed twice because of the Ghanan's troubles, and was finally cancelled because of the champion's strong request to show his first defense in his native Africa. Shige was scheduled to try his fists in Osaka. But the puncher who kayoed Danny Lopez to cause a sensation in 1974 was not dejected owing to the cancellation. He engaged in a companion tenner of his stablemate Yoko's card. Fukuyama, 128, proved too powerful for Sanchago Fernandez, 125¼, whom he polished off in five fierce rounds.

Masaki Kanehira, Shige's handler, negotiated Dan Frazer of Los Angeles to make a unique solution. The man with whom Kotey would defend his title was decided to be Flipper Uehara, national featherweight champion as well as pupil of Kanehira. If the Japanese fails to win the 126 pound class crown in Accra, Ghana, stablemate Fukuyama, who refuses to go to Africa, will face Kotey three months later in Osaka. Now that Royal Kobayashi, top featherweight here, is to go out of Japan for a long foreign campaign after the bad defeat by Alexis Arguello last October, Nippon is backing up Fukuyama, another hard-hitter, as much as possible.

▲**Korakuen Hall, Tokyo** — Futaro Tanaka showed an impressive stinging left to dominate the contest, and demolished Hiroshi Ishibashi in 22 seconds of the ninth round. Some 1,000 customers saw the veteran loser battered all the way to sink from the hope's reckless barrage. They scaled in at 121½ pounds.

▲A doubleheader took place at Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium. Hidemori Tsujimoto's expected avenge was unsuccessful, as Mitsuhiro Suzuki, rising welterweight puncher, again defeated him by a decision. Tsujimoto, 146¼, was ex-national lightweight titlist, who returned to action in 1974 after a layoff, and decked a string of wins by giving lessons to younger opponents. It was Suzuki that Hide, 31 years old, lost to after being overpowered throughout their previous encounter in Tokyo. Suzuki solved Hide's Tricky Ali style by giving him a roundhouse beating in the loser's native site. The victor, whose record is now 12-3 with 5 knockouts, weighed in at 144 pounds.

In a supporting ten, Yohi Arai, 143¾, beat Kazunori Shiratori, 143¼, to win a unanimous decision in a welterweight game.

▲Another dual tenner by fresh prospects was an attraction at Korakuen Hall. Hideo Kobayashi, up-and-coming bantam at 118¾, took a decision from Shigeru Sasaki, 118½, in a speedy ten. Lightweight Tohru Sugawara, 136¼, was a kayo winner from Koji Hitomi, 137, polishing him off in the sixth round.

▲Beever Kajimoto, veteran flyweight at 112, was originally scheduled to meet Soo Hwang Hong, Korea's ex-world bantam titleholder, but was forced to engage in an easy tenner with a substitute for Soo, Koichi Maki, due to the Korean's failure to come to Nippon. Maki, also at 112 pounds, proved no match for the experienced local favorite. The card drew some 2,000 fans at Kukigami Hall, Nagoya.

▲Korakuen Hall witnessed tenners result in rookies' decisions. Featherweight Shigeyoshi Adachi, 125, outpointed Kazunori Atomura, 125¾, in 10 hot frames. Masaru Kasahara, 117, defeated Tiger Osano, 118, on points in 10 rounds.

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Thamesmead, 172½, over eight by 80-76½. The victory was as good as the scoreline suggests.

Fontilio did well to go the full distance, and there were times when he looked in real trouble. But each time he came back pluckily.

Martin picked his punches well, and was not really extended.

Mick (brother of middleweight champion Alan) Minter, Crawley, 152, made his pro debut and boxed a creditable draw with Martin Lewis, Colchester, 149, over six twos. Mick had not boxed at all for eight months, and consequently started slowly. But once he had warmed up he improved, and the result was a fair one.

Oscar Angus, Aylesbury, 162, outscored Johnny Rushton, Doncaster, 163, by 79-78 over eight twos. A crowd-pleaser, plenty of action, Angus jabbing accurately, and Rushton trying his best to land the big one.

It transpired that Rushton had injured his left hand in the second session, and under the circumstances did well.

▲St. Andrews Sporting Club, Glasgow — Central Area light-welterweight champion Terry Petersen, Leeds, 141½, outpointed Hugh Smith, Chapelhall, over eight by 80-79, indicating that he did not lose a round.

It was an impressive win by Petersen against a man who had not lost in his last 16 fights.

Admittedly Smith looked a little below par, but this should not be allowed to detract from Petersen's victory. He kept up the pressure throughout, and from the halfway stage Smith tired.

Smith went down in the seventh, but it looked more from fatigue than from a punch.

Charlie Nash, Derry, 138½, outpointed Gordon Kirk, Liverpool, 140, over eight by 79-78. Southpaw Nash showed up well, and kept his superior work-rate until the end, although Kirk provided strong opposition.

Three out of three for George Sutton, Cardiff, 115½, who outpointed debutant Neil McLoughlin, Belfast, 113½, over eight twos by 79-78½. It was a near thing, with McLoughlin through the ropes in the sixth, but being helped back by the referee and there was no count.

Joe Ward, Goole, 147¼, outpointed Derek McCarthy, Belfast, 145½, by 60-58 over six twos. Ward was the harder puncher in a bout full of honest endeavour.

▲York Hall, London — Tommy Wright, Doncaster, 129, survived a third-round knockdown to outpoint substitute Mario Stango, Bedford, 129½, over eight by 79½-77½.

Stango took the bout five hours before he had to climb into the ring, and gave Wright a worrying time in the early stages. Mario's big moment came in the third, when he decked his man with a right hook.

There was no count, but Wright was hurt, and Stango did his best to follow up his advantage, but to no avail. Wright recovered, Stango understandably tired in the second half of the fight, and was down in the fourth.

It was all Wright in the final stages.

Rocky Munday, Notting Hill, 148¼, drew with Roy Commosioung, Luton, 148½, over eight twos. In the third Munday was cut on the left eyebrow, and there was too much clinching. In the circumstances Munday did well to overcome his handicap, and rallied well to get a draw after seven wins in a row.

Tony Hudson, Peckham, 147¾, outscored Les Wint, Tottenham, 147, over six twos by 59½-58½, thus repeating a previous victory and retaining his unbeaten record.

Wint started well, but southpaw Hudson soon caught up with him and the exchanges were fast and furious. Hudson finished the stronger, and Nobbins came into the ring at the end.

Ray Cattouse, Balham, 143, beat Willie Owen, 142½, the bout being stopped in the fifth by triallist referee Denny Hallett, himself a former professional.

Owen was well on the receiving end when the official intervened.

Kris Smith, Sutton, 224, stopped Terry Jones, Bow 185¾, in the second after the latter had been decked. Plenty of action while it lasted, and Jones found that over three years inactivity was difficult to catch up.

▲Bentley Comrades Club, Doncaster — In the first promotion in this town for three years Brian Gregory, Doncaster, outpointed Terry Schofield, Bishop Auckland, 151, over eight by 79-78.

A popular victory for the local lad, gained by accurate jabbing and good footwork. Schofield had his moments, and got home with one or two good rights, but these were too few to affect the issue.

Keith Johnson, Barnsley, 186, beat Len Brittain, Doncaster, the referee intervening in the fourth. There were protests at what some thought was a premature stoppage.

Brittain had been cut under the right eye in the third, and was shaken by a hard right hand in the fourth causing the stoppage.

John Sagar, Barnsley, 142, climbed off the canvas in the first round to get a draw with Kevin Quinn, Manchester, 141 over six twos. Quinn broke his left hand in flooring Sagar, but fought on pluckily. The crowd liked this one, and tossed in nobbins.

▲Cunard International Hotel, London — Tommy Dunn, Reading, 133¾, kept his Southern Area lightweight crown by drawing with former British featherweight champion Jimmy Revie, Stockwell, 134¾, over ten in an excellent and controversial contests.

The Revie champ. thought their man deserved to win, but the fans seemed happy with the result.

Dunn was down seven times, but his manager claimed that most of them were either slips or his boxer was wrestled down.

Revie thought he should have won because of his aggression, and those seven knockdowns.

It certainly seemed that Revie was all set for victory in the later stages, but although Dunn kept going down he kept getting up, and Jimmy couldn't keep him down.

As round succeeded round there was a good battle of tactics between southpaw Revie and his opponent, fortunes fluctuating.

Dunn's knockdowns started in the seventh, when Revie looked every inch a winner, scoring well with both hands, but somehow Dunn survived and was still punching in the final round.

Revie wants an immediate return, and why not? He deserves it.

Wally Angliss, Harrow, 124, stopped Frankie Wagstaff, Bedford, 125, in the fifth, when the latter wasn't hitting back.

Mickey Hampston, Lewisham, 148, outpointed Alan Cable, Croydon, 146, over six twos by 59½-58½. Hampston was cut on the left eyelid in the fifth, but kept going to confirm a previous victory.

Clive Davidson, Walworth, 156½, outscored Dusty Smith, Cricklewood, 155½, over eight tows by 79½-78. Only incident of note — Davidson went out of the ring in the opening round from a left hook and only extricated himself from the ropes at the count of eight.

"FLASHY" FLYWEIGHT PROSPECT-RUBEN CASTILLO

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He began his career at the age of 15 under the tutelage of veteran Bakersfield trainer Chuck Wiggins, a man whose dedication to, and feelings for, his fighters is legend in local circles.

Under Wiggins' direction, Castillo posted a 41-1 amateur mark and in the process captured the California Golden Gloves bantamweight title.

Castillo's best weapons are a snake-like jab, a devastating left hook and a solid right.

His weakness, if you want to call it that, is that he doesn't go with his right as much as his handlers would like.

But what pleases his manager most is his attitude and his coolness in the ring.

"His attitude is outstanding," Cox says. "He's dedicated, a super-hard worker and has all the confidence in the world.

"And he doesn't lose his cool in the ring, even when he gets tagged pretty good. Of course," Cox points out, "that doesn't happen very often."

"Ruben's been promised a crack at the Arizona featherweight championship in Phoenix sometime next month," Cox says.

READ THE RING

MUANGSURIN HALTS FURUYAMA

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Occasionally Furuyama's left, which looked more powerful than that of Saensak, landed on the rival's jaw. But the Thai fought back with more blows without retreating at all. In the last five rounds the defending champ kept active in punching positively. His best was witnessed in the 13th round, when he threw five long lefts to Furuyama's face. The latter's poor defense made him receive the same left shot time and again. They fought hard until the end, however, it was obvious who won the bloody affair.

Furuyama suffered three setbacks in his cracks at the international crown. The previous victors over him appeared more strong and scientific than the jubilant Thai. Furuyama lost to Antonio Cervantes in 15 close rounds in Panama in 1973. In the next year the Japanese dropped another decision to Perico Fernandez, Spain, in a 15-round eliminator, after Bruno Arcari, of Italy, outgrew the junior welter class to relinquish the title to the WBC. In the latter Spaniard's first defense, Saensak dethroned him with a brutal rally in Thailand. Some Japanese fans had known Muangsurin, colorful and talkative, already, as he once came here as a kick-fighter to flatten an opponent named Yoshimitsu Tamashiro with a vicious kick in 1973.

Muangsurin appeared to be still unfamiliar to the international style. He drank water of the bottle during the recess. His reckless deed was reported from Thailand, as he loved night plays with girls and drove a big car at dangerous speeds. However, he kept diligent in his training in Japan, except that he spoke out loudly in sparring sessions, and cried loudly that the Japanese opponent would collapse in the ninth round.

With a good pilot this wild boy would be a good opposition against Cervantes, of Colombia, who had registered ten consecutive defenses to prepare for a big encounter with Roberto Duran, 'Fist of Stone' of Panama.

After Furuyama's loss, statistically, Japanese challengers have taken nine consecutive defeats since Jiro Takada had been halted by Miguel Canto, Mexico, in 11 rounds in Merida. The reporter hopes that the fistic front here will rebound soon.

ANTOINE KO'S HOLLIDAY IN 6TH

By GEORGE C. BECKLES

PORT OF SPAIN-TRINIDAD, W.I. Doc Holliday, 159½, of the U.S.A., who lost a narrow points decisions to Carlos Mark in Trinidad last November, came up against Ashton Antoine, 159½. The Trinidad and Tobago un-crowned middleweight champion, who was jabbing with left right combinations turned Holliday's face into a bloody mess and knocked him out in 1.57 seconds of the 6th rounds.

Joe Visalli, Manager-Trainer of Doc Holliday, blamed poor training facilities for Holliday's massacre at the hands of Ashton Antoine. He said that they came in on Monday and fought Friday night, and went on to say how Holliday lost all his form by working out at a concrete car park. Anyway, I will admit that Antoine is a very good boxer and should reach far if he keeps on training hard.

In the 8 round semi-final Sterling Benjamin, 195½, beat Godfrey Oliver, 199½, on points. Other-8-rounders: Nathaniel Jones, 160, won on points from Winston Granger, 153½. Claude Noel, 134, T.K.O. Clive Nichols, 134, in 2.44 seconds of the sixth round.

SILGADO KO'S CESAR DE LIMA IN 4

By LUIS A. GONZALEZ V.

Cartagena—Zenon Silgado, Columbian featherweight, made his second professional fight, winning the technical knocked out over Cesar de Lima, in the fourth round.

On the same card, Colombian lightweight, Francisco "Yata" Durango, TKO'd Antonio Amaya, Panama, in the 5th of a ten rounder. Shorty after the first round, "Buchy" Amaya dropped Durango for the mandatory eight count with a right to the jaw.

Alfonso Perez, featherweight of Colombia, halted Ernesto Matias, Panama, in the 3rd of ten scheduled fight.

Miguel "Turco" Betruz, Colombian lightweight, lost a close points with Panamian Enrique "Cochero" Maxwell, in ten rounds.

▲Quibdo—In middle class, Aurelio Mina Choco knocked out 3 Gilberto Andrade, Choco. Hector Angel demolished in the 3rd round Rocky Mosquera in middleweight fight. All these are Colombians.

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